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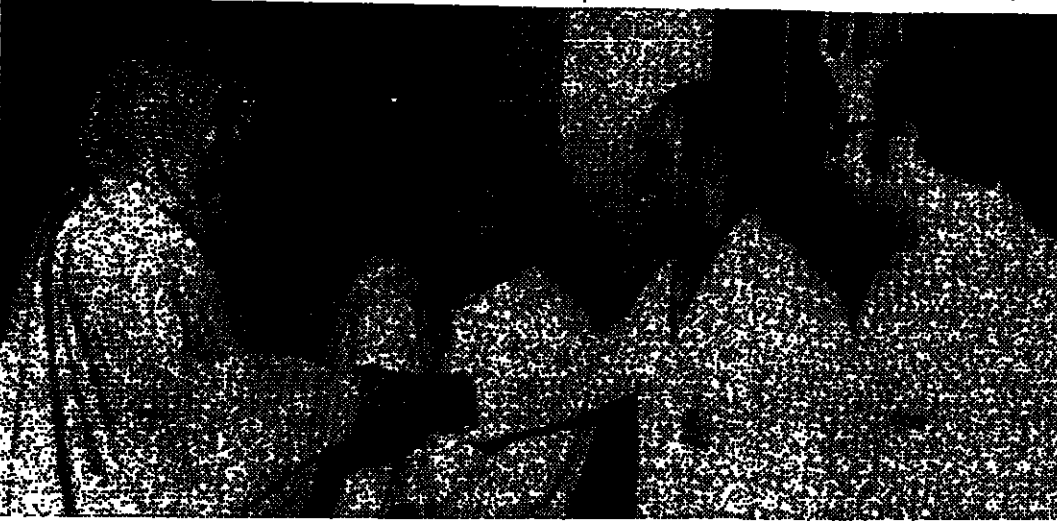
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Fahd inspects army hospital



INSPECTS: Crown Prince Fahd shakes hands with doctors during his tour of the armed forces hospital Wednesday.

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—Crown Prince Fahd Wednesday inspected the armed forces hospital and club here accompanied by Defense Minister Prince Sultan and the Chief of Staff General Othman Al-Humaid. Prince Fahd toured various departments in the hospital which was recently completed. The hospital is described as one of the finest in the world.

The crown prince also visited the armed forces club where he had dinner with officers of the armed forces, the National Guard and public security.

Iraq denies 18 Communists said executed in Baghdad

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Iraq was reported Wednesday to have launched a new anti-Communist crackdown Wednesday, executing 18 military men and arresting eight members of the pro-Moscow Iraqi Communist Party's central committee.

But a spokesman for the Iraqi embassy here said the report carried by the independent, conservative Kuwait newspaper "Al Siyassa" was "baseless and groundless."

The newspaper said it had been informed by travellers arriving from Baghdad that 18 military men were executed on Dec. 24, for establishing illegal Communist cells within the armed forces.

The paper did not specify where or how the executions were carried out, but death sentences against military personnel in Iraq are usually carried out by firing squad.

"Al Siyassa" added that eight members of the Communist Party's central committee had been arrested while 20 other leading Communists in the southern port city of Basrah had disappeared.

The paper claimed the anti-Communist crackdown followed the failure of Iraq's Vice President Saddam Hussein to persuade the Soviet Union to provide fresh arms supplies to the newly established Iraqi-Syrian military alliance, when he visited Moscow last month.

This was the second anti-Communist crackdown reported in Iraq during the last six months.

Last June, 21 military personnel were reported to have been executed for allegedly forming Communist cells with-

in the army.

But Iraq's official Communist Party newspaper "Tariq al Shaab" complained of unspecified "horrible events" against Iraqi Communists at the time.

In another editorial late in November the Communist paper charged that "atrocities against the party, its affiliates and activity have been continuing for more than a year," and that despite previous complaints "nothing had been done to end these actions."

In Beirut Arab diplomats said dozens of Communists were detained after the Communist newspaper's editorial.

In some areas of Baghdad, security men arrested people simply for possessing the Communist Party paper, the diplomats added.

Iraq's ruling Baath Socialist Party warned last May that it "cannot allow any other side to replace us or to use its coalition with us as a shortcut, to jump to power."

The Communists have 26 ministers out of 26 in a "national front" coalition government dominated by the Baathists.

The friction between the two parties started early last year when the Baath Party, which supports the Eritrean rebellion against Ethiopia, objected to the Soviet backing of Ethiopia's military regime.

Iraq is generally regarded as the Soviet Union's most important ally in the Arab world, and is tied to it by a treaty of friendship and cooperation.

Iraq used to get most of its weapons from the Soviet Union, but started to diversify recently, seeking links with the West.

Bakhtiar promises to end martial law

TEHRAN, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Iran's prime minister designated promised Wednesday to gradually dismantle martial law throughout the country and hinted that the Shah will leave the country for "rest and a vacation."

In a news conference shortly after both houses of the Iranian parliament formally nominated him as the country's new civilian premier, Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar said the Shah "wants to rest and take a vacation — that is the desire he has expressed himself."

He refused to elaborate on the issue, however, stressing instead his own plans for restoring the nation to civilian rule for the first time in two months.

He said: "Iran will continue to sell oil to nations that need it. But asked about oil sales to Israel, which relies heavily on Iranian supplies, he left open the possibility that supplies to the Jewish state could be jeopardized by its continuing dispute with other Muslim countries."

He wants the reduction of the country's secret police, Savak, to an intelligence agency only. "No country in the world can live without police, but we can live without torture," he said, referring to allegations of widespread torture in Savak prisons.

His government will not submit itself "to any military authority, whatever it is." Asked if he feared a military coup d'etat against his new moderate regime, he said "that is for South America. I hope to avoid it (a coup) and I don't believe it will happen."

Political parties will be permitted free operation in Iran. But asked if the Communist Party, now outlawed, would be legalized, he indicated it would not. He said that to be legal, parties must believe in "religion and Iran."

The Cento alliance — which groups Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and the United Kingdom with the United States as an observer — "is militarily dead, and a dead person cannot be resurrected." But he said Iran would continue to take part in Cento's economic activities.

Iran will no longer be "the goddamned of the Persian Gulf." Iran's huge military establishment is largely designed to assure security in the Gulf, but Bakhtiar indicated its role would be limited only to protecting Iran's own interests there rather than policing the whole region.

Army units, on duty throughout Iran following months of sporadic anti-Shah rioting, "will not stay on the streets for nothing." But, indicating that he will not permit future major disorders, he added, "if someone burns the French embassy, the army will defend it."

Persons arrested for murder, looting and other serious crimes during recent rioting will be prosecuted.

The French-based Ayatollah Khomeini, the chief religious opponent of the Shah, is welcome to come back to

Iran "as soon as he can and wishes to." Khomeini, however, has sworn a religious oath that he will return home only after the Shah has stepped down from power.

Bakhtiar will become premier officially after the Shah issues him a royal decree.

Bakhtiar repeatedly refused to be drawn into discussions of the Shah's future role in Iran, saying only that if the Shah left the country, a regency council would be required by the constitution to exercise royal authority. Under the Bakhtiar government, many powers now held by the Shah are expected to be held by Bakhtiar and his civilian cabinet.

Asked if he believed his government could survive with the Shah remaining in the country, he said the question was "extremely delicate" and that he hoped to restore "the legitimacy of the king." — appa-

rently a reference to keeping the Shah's power within constitutional bounds.

The opposition National Front, which opposes Bakhtiar's agreement to form a government under the Shah's aegis, claimed Wednesday that opposition to Bakhtiar was building up across the country.

It said thousands of people gathered Wednesday in the city of Isfahan to hear a local religious leader speak against Bakhtiar, formerly the No. 2 member of the National Front, and that slogans condemning him were appearing across the country.

The front, headed by Dr. Karim Sanjabi, stands for the abdication of the Shah.

Only small demonstrations against the Shah were reported in Iran Wednesday as many opponents apparently took a wait-and-see attitude about

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Queen Elizabeth cancels official visit to Iran

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Buckingham palace announced Wednesday that Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh have cancelled their planned state visit to Iran next month on the advice of the Shah.

But the Shah left the door open for the visit to be made some time in the future "if circumstances permit."

The queen was due to spend a day in the southern Iranian naval port of Bandar Abbas, 800 kilometers from the capital, Feb. 28 towards the end of a three-week visit to the Middle East.

Prime Minister James Callaghan had told parliament before Christmas that he might advise the queen to omit Iran from the tour, but Wednesday's announcement makes it clear that the decision was made at the request of the Shah himself.

A palace statement said: "The Shah and Shahbanu of Iran have indicated their regret that in the present circumstances they would be unable to entertain the queen as

they would wish in Iran. They have accordingly asked her majesty if she would postpone her visit."

In a separate development well informed sources said here Wednesday that Britain has virtually lost a 740 million sterling (\$1.4-billion) deal with Iran in one of the biggest blows dealt to the West so far by the continuing political and economic upheaval in Iran.

The sources said Iran's Military Industries Organization — part of the ministry of war — had informed International Military Services (IMS) — a company under the responsibility of Britain's Defense Ministry — that it was no longer interested in plans to build a huge ordnance complex at Isfahan, the central Iranian city which has been the scene of violent anti-foreign demonstrations.

The sources said that 60 or 70 dependents of the British staff employed on the initial stage of the project would be flown back home in the next day or two.

U.S. plays down impact of Iranian oil shutdown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—U.S. State Department officials Tuesday contended the United States and other Western nations can survive the Iranian oil shutdown with no shortages or price increases for six months or more.

The assessment by the State Department spokesman, who asked not to be identified, came despite reports last week that the United States was preparing for a possible oil shortage.

The administration official said increased production by other oil-exporting nations and use of existing oil stockpiles will more than cushion any shortage produced by the strikes against Iran's oil industry.

Iran, which normally exports five million barrels of oil a day, ceased exports a week ago.

About half of the shortfall has since been made up by Saudi Arabia, which has increased its production by about 1.5 million barrels a day, and other Gulf states, as well as Mexico, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

The official, who summoned reporters for a briefing, said existing world stockpiles of oil were between four billion and five billion barrels.

"We estimate at the moment current stocks plus the increased production should be enough to avoid stringent oil shortages over the coming weeks and even months," the official said.

Last week, other U.S. officials who also asked to remain anonymous, said the administration is preparing contingency plans that include conservation measures similar to those imposed during the 1973 embargo.

The officials said the planning so far also includes a sharing arrangement among the United States, Western Europe and Japan under a framework devised by the International Energy Agency.

Peace talks resume this month in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Middle East peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel will resume in Washington in mid-January, an Israeli diplomat disclosed Wednesday.

The senior diplomat, who spoke to reporters with the understanding that he would not be further identified, said details and the exact date are still being worked out, but Israel has agreed to send its negotiating team back to Washington at a time proposed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Vance, according to the official, has cleared his calendar in mid-January to resume his role as mediator in the talks, which broke off in November.

The talks will probably take place at the ministerial level agreed to during a December meeting in Brussels with Vance. A spokesman for Vance said he could not confirm the report.

The Israeli team would be headed once more by Foreign

Minister Moshe Dayan and the Egyptians are expected to be headed by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil.

Earlier Wednesday, Khalil said Egypt is prepared to resume efforts toward a peace treaty with Israel.

Khalil said these efforts could include direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations "at a later stage." But he suggested as a more immediate possibility a meeting between him and Vance or a trilateral meeting with Dayan.

Khalil spoke to reporters at the end of a six-hour cabinet session that debated Egypt's position in the deadlocked peace talks.

A cabinet statement affirmed the Egyptian call for a timetable linking the proposed treaty to the establishment of Palestinian autonomy in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The cabinet, moreover, insisted the treaty should not sup-

ersede Egypt's defense obligations to other Arab states.

The two issues have snagged the negotiations, with Israel rejecting the timetable idea and contending the peace pact would negate Egypt's defense commitments.

"Egypt is prepared to con-

Meeting reports improvement in Lebanon security situation

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (Agencies)—Lebanese and Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) authorities said Wednesday the security situation in the country had improved recently.

"Immediate measures will be taken to complete the removal of the remaining armed manifestations," the officials said in a statement issued after a meeting chaired by President Elias Sarkis.

The statement said the meeting reviewed progress toward removal of the "armed manifestations" in all regions of Lebanon where regular forces were stationed.

"A tangible improvement has been recorded in this respect," the statement said.

But while expressing satisfaction with progress so far, the participants agreed the country's regular forces needed more time to be entrusted with their security duties.

The meeting was attended by the ADF's Lebanese commander Col. Sami Khatib, Interior Minister Salah Salim, Prime Minister Salim

Hoss, Army Commander and Defense Minister Gen. Victor Khoury and internal security chief Col. Ahmad Hajj.

The security meeting was followed by a cabinet meeting—also to discuss the law-and-order issue, political sources said.

The government has drawn up a plan to reestablish security and has entrusted its implementation jointly to the Syrian-dominated ADF and Lebanese forces.

Show of Force

As the government issued the statement, low-flying Israeli warplanes swooped over Palestinian refugee camps throughout South Lebanon Wednesday, breaking the sound barrier but carrying no bombing missions by midday, witnesses reported.

They said the sonic booms shattered window glass in the major towns of Sidon, Tyre and Nabatiyeh.

A spokesman for Sidon's governor said all U.N.-run schools in all refugee camps

were closed and students sent home as a precaution.

A newsman in Sidon, provincial capital of the south, said commando forces were put on alert as the planes thundered over the south.

He reported flotillas of Israeli gunboats cruised along a 40-mile stretch of the southern Lebanese coast as the planes screamed overhead in what local Palestinian commanders described as a "New Year show of force."

Sidon is 25 miles south of Beirut. Tyre is another 25 miles further south. Nabatiyeh is eight miles north of the Israeli frontier 30 miles inland from Tyre.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's high command in Beirut withheld immediate comment. But one Palestinian commander in Sidon was quoted as saying Israel was saber rattling to warn against escalation of commando activities in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

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Preparations under way for Algiers party meet

ALGIERS, Jan. 3 (R)—The provisional Algerian leadership is pressing ahead with preparations for a special congress to name a successor to the late President Houari Boumedienne.

The commission organizing this congress was named Tuesday night after a meeting of the Council of the Revolution under Rabah Bitat, the acting head of state.

Political observers believed the congress could be held by the end of this month, and new presidential elections could take place before Bitat's interim leadership ends on Feb. 9.

Under the constitution, Bitat, the national assembly chairman, became head of state for a maximum period of 45 days when President Boumedienne died.

The commission, whose members were named in alpha-

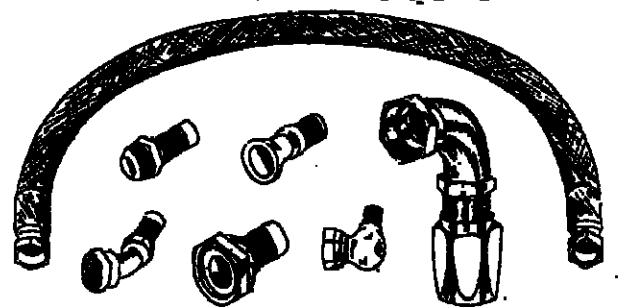
betic order by the official news agency Algerie Presse Service (APS) Tuesday night, appeared to reflect an effort towards representing the various power sectors in the country.

It included six government ministers, six commanding officers of the armed forces, the general secretaries of the five national organizations (trade union, peasants, women, youth and Mujahideen — veterans of the liberation war), nine party officials, including the five (appointed) national commissaries, and 7 members of the national assembly.

Contrary to expectations, no member of the Council of the Revolution was appointed to the commission.

Informed sources said predicted earlier that a member of the revolutionary council (Continued on back page)

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Aramco takeover accord to be signed this month

JEDDAH, Jan. 3—The government is expected to complete its takeover of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) "probably by the end of the month," the newspaper "Al-Medina" reported Wednesday.

Without quoting sources, the paper said an agreement would be signed which would lead to the creation of a Saudi National Oil Company. The signing will be the occasion for a celebration at the Ferrous Riding Club in Riyadh, the paper said.

It said government ownership of Aramco "will not increase the Kingdom's revenue, but will give Saudi Arabia full control of its natural oil resources," quoting a recent statement by Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

"Al-Medina" said the move will preserve Aramco's "imposing empire without weakening it either in the field of marketing or exploration."

Saudi Arabia acquired 60 per cent of Aramco in June

1974, and two years later a general accord was reached on a complete takeover.

Under approved general principles, the four U.S. shareholders, in Aramco would receive compensation for their remaining 40 per cent, as well as service fee for continuing to run production and exploration on behalf of the government.

The four U.S. shareholders are SOCAL (Standard Oil of California), Exxon, Texaco and Mobil.

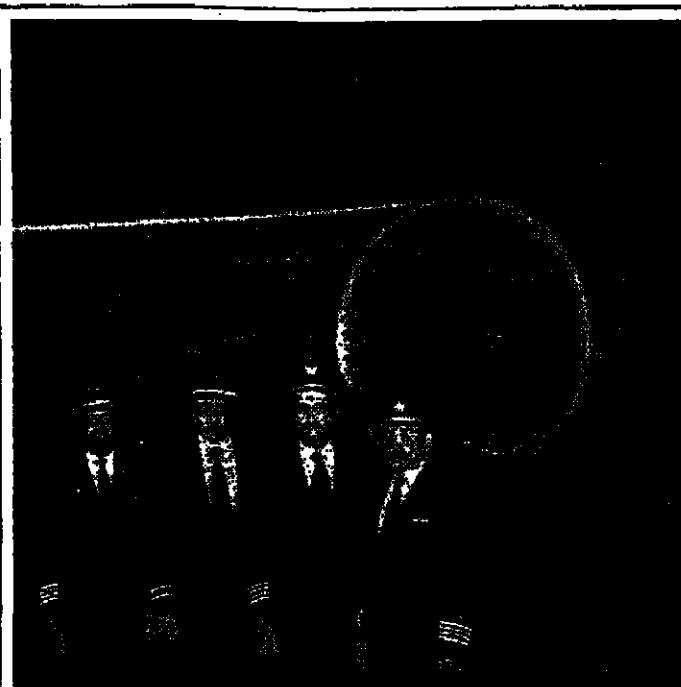
Yamani said in an interview before the Abu Dhabi OPEC pricing meeting in mid-December that in the negotiations for complete takeover "there are some little details left to be resolved but we can sign an agreement without reaching an agreement on these details."

Yamani told the U.S. oil industry newsletter "Oilgram News" that the companies' service fee would be related to their performance according to an agreed formula. There would also be exploration incentives, he said.

Refinery increase
SPA adds: production at Jeddah refinery is running 10,000 barrels a day over planned levels, Mansour Abdul Rahman Al-Suhaimi, assistant chairman of the refinery's board, said Wednesday.

Stages One and Two of the refinery were producing at a rate of 55,000 b/d against their original planned capacity of 45,000 b/d, showing a productive efficiency of 122 per cent, he said.

Suhaimi said that the refinery was attempting to raise "production as far as we can within the limits of safety for plant and employees."



NEW TRISTAR: Jamil, Kamal, Hakeem and Temarik with the new aircraft at Jeddah Monday evening.

Tristar raises Saudia fleet to 9

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Saudia received a new Lockheed Tri-star aircraft Monday, bringing its 1-1011 fleet to nine aircraft, the airline announced Wednesday.

An all-Saudi crew of Captains Abd Al-Fatah Jamil, Muhammad Omar Kamal and Othman Hakeem and Flight Engineer Amin Temarik Test flew the Tristar from its plant near Los Angeles to Jeddah Monday.

Frontier property claims to be fixed in 4 months

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA)—Ali Saudi claims to property in the Partitioned Neutral Zone between the Kingdom and Kuwait will be settled within four months, Deputy Minister of Interior Dr. Ibrahim Al-Owaji said Wednesday.

He said that final understanding had been reached on Saudi claims in the northern part of the zone at a meeting in Kuwait of the joint commission set up for the purpose.

Owaji was addressing reporters on his return from Kuwait Tuesday where he attended the opening session.

The commission followed guidelines laid down by Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah after his visit to Saudi Arabia, Owaji added.

He said that more than 2,600 Saudis were involved and that the commission was made up of four members, two Saudis and two Kuwaitis.

Minister opens utility

Central power firm to be set up soon

TABUK, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A royal decree is expected shortly establishing a central electricity company operating in the Central Province of Saudi Arabia, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi said here Wednesday.

Thursday the minister will open a 4.5 megawatt electricity station in Al-Ghatt, constructed by the Al-Ghatt Cooperative Society with a SR21 million loan from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund.

In the evening Dr. Algosabi visited Tabuk Air Base and King Faisal Military City before returning to Riyadh.

Speaking at the opening of a 38.2 megawatt power station in this northern town Wednesday, Dr. Algosabi said that the new central province company, to be called the United Electricity Company for the Central Province, will unify the networks of Qasim and Riyadh, now being operated by separate companies.

A joint stock company is expected to be formed to manage the utility and its 400-kilometer network.

The Tabuk ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Nasif, Governor of Tabuk, Sheikh Sulaiman Turki Al-Sudairi and by the director general of the Dutch company.

Correction

Because of a typographical error, "Arab News" in its Jan. 1 edition incorrectly reported the target production of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Co. (SAFCO) for 1978 as 520,000 metric tons. This should be 250,000 metric tons. "Arab News" regrets any confusion that may have arisen.

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

Jeddah

Saturday, Jan. 6

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting

Sunday, Jan. 7 — Thursday, Jan. 11

A Pantomime called "Sing a Song of Sixpence" at the Players Playhouse, 8:00 p.m. (Wednesday 7:00 p.m.). Adults SR 15, children SR 10.

Monday, Jan. 8

Danish women's tea, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Danish ambassador's residence.

British wives coffee morning at the British ambassador's residence, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Gardening Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. at U.S. Embassy to go to Marjorie Tsaros house. Open to all.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Cello and piano recital by Friedrich-Jurgen Fellheim and Eckhart Fellheim, 8:30 p.m. at British ambassador's residence. Tickets SR 10, available at the door, or from Helmut Loerch, German embassy, Tel. 53544.

Riyadh

Monday, Jan. 8

Camel and horse races, at the Malaz stadium. Tickets SR 5

DHAHRAN

Friday, Jan. 5

Soccer: Al-Khobar plays Riyadh at the Dammam Stadium Stadium 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 5, 10, 25, or 50 S.R.

Monday, Jan. 8

The Dhahran Community Chorus begins rehearsing for its Spring Choral Concert. Newcomers welcome. Aramco, house 1427 B at 8 p.m. For further information call Jim Neibor at Aramco 53618.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

An Exhibition of Chinese postage stamps at the Media Center Building No. 7, King Abdul Aziz University, under joint-sponsorship of King Abdul Aziz University, Directorate General of Posts and the Embassy of the Republic of China, for one week.

Local Briefs

●DAMMAM, (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qabani, rector of King Faisal University of the Eastern Province here presided over a senate meeting Wednesday to discuss the university's five-year plan and the appointment of new faculty. The senate also approved an exhibition of architectural designs by Peter Land of the Illinois State University, to be held at the university's College of Architecture and Planning.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has awarded a SR 13.7 million contract for municipal services to rural complexes "in Qunfuzah, Sejar, Beqaa, Shamasiah and Ohod Al-Masarah," the ministry announced Wednesday.

●RIYADH, (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Wednesday signed a SR 61.8m contract for the third phase of Mecca's water project.

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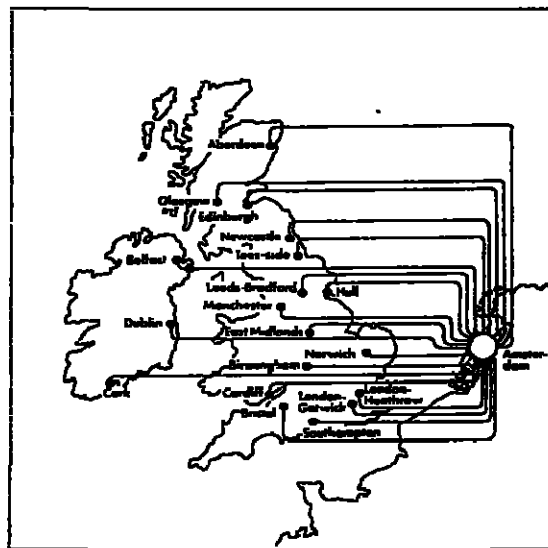
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Rioters in U.S. besiege mother, sister of Shah

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Jan. 3 (AP)—Hundreds of rock-throwing demonstrators chanting "death to the Shah" Tuesday besieged a hillside mansion occupied by the mother and sister of the Shah of Iran, torching

two cars and setting at least a dozen fires.

Neither the princess nor her mother was injured. Los Angeles police said late Tuesday night that the queen mother was moved from the house to an undisclosed location under heavy escort after the disturbance. The whereabouts of the princess was not known.

Mina Azad, speaking for the protesters, said there would be more demonstrations. "We're going to demonstrate as long as they (the Shah's family) are here. We're not going to let them steal from the Iranian people and then come here and live in peace," she said.

At least 35 demonstrators were injured, two seriously, in the bloody confrontation, as chanting Iranians and their supporters repeatedly tried to storm the home and were driven back by police using clubs, high-pressure fire hoses and tear gas.

Sheriff's department spokesman Chet Balfew said five or six demonstrators were arrested for investigation of various charges, including arson, and assault on law officers.

'Al-Ahram' says

Sadat will visit Sudan

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (UPI)—President Sadat will visit Sudan Jan. 17 to discuss with President Jaafar Numeiri Middle East developments and inaugurate the joint Egyptian-Sudanese parliament session, "Al-Ahram" newspaper said Wednesday.

Sadat will stay for "a number of days," the paper said. Sudan is the only Arab state that has openly supported Sadat's peace moves and has accepted Camp David as a

basis for settlement.

Aswan, Egypt's southernmost province bordering on Sudan, is to share joint economic projects with the northern governorate of Sudan within the framework of "integration" between the two countries.

A delegation headed by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil flew to Khartoum Tuesday. It will attend meetings of a high level committee for political and economic integration, the paper added.

Coalition threatened

Begin defuses religious bomb

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (AP)—Prime Minister Begin has taken steps to maintain the delicate balance between the Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jewish communities in Israel.

To avert a government crisis, Begin announced Tuesday that he would preserve the status quo by upholding a prohibition against theater performances on Friday nights—the beginning of the Jewish sabbath.

Tension between the minority of observant Orthodox Jews in Israel and the non-observant majority developed recently when attempts were made to liberalize some of the religious ordinances restricting sabbath activity.

There is no public transportation in Jewish areas on the sabbath, and until recently most places of entertainment closed from sunset Friday to

Saturday evening.

But within the last few years several Tel Aviv movie theaters received permits to open for Friday night shows. Last week Tel Aviv's Cameri dramatic theater applied for such a permit.

Orthodox members of the Tel Aviv City Council protested—claiming the actors, stagehands and ushers would all be violating the sabbath by working at each performance.

Members of the Orthodox political parties in Begin's government threatened to quit if the permit were granted and on Tuesday Begin promised them the Cameri would stay closed on sabbath.

The National Religious Party has 12 seats in parliament and has a pivotal position in the ruling coalition. Another Orthodox party holding four

parliament seats is also in the coalition.

Their threat to quit was not without precedent: just two years ago, the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin fell after NRP members walked out of his coalition over a similar issue.

Israeli parliamentarian jailed

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (R)—A member of Israel's Knesset was sentenced Wednesday to three and a half years in prison for accepting a bribe—but his fellow MP's found they had no power to dismiss him from the chamber.

Shmuel Rechtman, who belongs to the ruling Likud coalition in parliament, was also fined the equivalent of \$3,500.

He was convicted Tuesday of accepting the bribe while he was mayor of Rehovot, near Tel Aviv.

The court found that Rechtman had accepted a bribe of 70,000 Israeli pounds (worth about \$3,500 now but equivalent

to about \$20,000 at the time) from a builder who became a prosecution witness.

Wednesday Knesset officials could find no regulation giving the chamber power to expel a member, even if a convict.

This meant that Rechtman will still be able to draw his salary in prison.

Took kickback

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (R)—President Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakr Wednesday praised the results achieved by the Iraqi-Syrian Political, Information and Cultural Committee and called for continuing moves to bring about unity between the two neighbors.

The Iraq News Agency said the president was addressing the chairman of the committee: Tariq Aziz, a member of the ruling Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council and Abdul Halim Khaddam, Syrian deputy premier and foreign minister.

They were calling on the Iraqi leader after concluding their meetings Tuesday night with an announcement that they had reached agreement on close cooperation.

INA said Bakr also stressed the "historic importance" of the national charter signed by the Iraqi and Syrian heads of state last October.

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BESIEGED: Iranian students help a wounded fellow demonstrator, one of 35 hurt at a violent demonstration outside a California house occupied by the Shah's mother and sister.

After Syrian meetings

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4 die in Delta stadium crush

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (UPI)—Four persons died and eight were injured Tuesday in a crush at an overcrowded stadium in the city of Kafr el Sheikh, 65 miles north of Cairo, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported. They were attending a sports festival organized by Kafr El Sheikh University.

Yemeni sets self ablaze in Rome

ROME, Jan. 3 (UPI)—A 21-year-old Yemeni set himself on fire in front of the Yemen Arab Republic embassy Wednesday in what police said was apparent frustration over his inability to get a visa to enter Libya. The Yemeni, identified by police as Abdullah Dahan Ali, was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors pronounced him in serious condition.

Americans favor Shah, poll says

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (R)—Most Americans believe it would be very serious if the Shah of Iran were forced out of power and almost 50 percent think the United States should do everything short of military intervention to prevent it happening, according to an ABC News poll released Tuesday.

Joint peace bid on Sahara

RABAT, Jan. 3 (R)—The pro-government Moroccan daily "Al Maghreb" said Wednesday that Mauritania was making a concerted effort with Morocco to seek a peaceful settlement of the Western Sahara conflict.

9 killed as Afghan refugees clash

RAWALPINDI, Jan. 3 (R)—Nine persons died when two groups of Afghan refugees clashed over distribution of rations in a refugee camp close to the border, the Urdu newspaper "Jang" said Wednesday.

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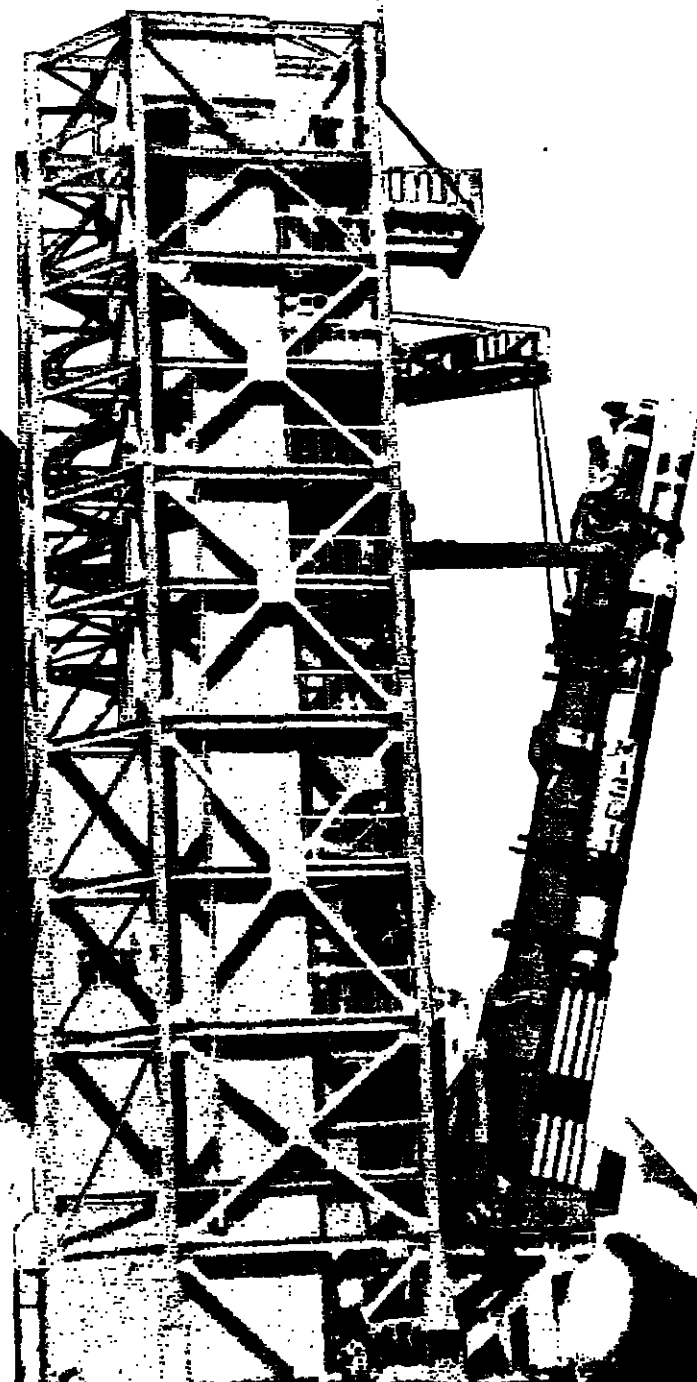
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Vietnamese launch new Cambodia attacks

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (AP) — Vietnamese forces have opened up a fourth major front in an escalating drive into eastern Cambodia, one apparently aimed at cutting off the capital of Phnom Penh from the south, reliable analysts said Wednesday.

They also reported widespread and intense air strikes by the Vietnamese, using both Soviet and American-built warplanes. Cambodia has charged that Soviet pilots are flying some of the aircraft and said one Soviet MiG jet was shot down New Year's Day.

Cambodia has accused Vietnam of launching a massive invasion along the length of the 1,220-kilometer border with Vietnam but has not provided details on the fighting.

The most recently detected front is in the so-called "Parrot's Beak" where Vietnamese troops appear to be moving westward to cut vital highways to the south of Phnom Penh, according to the analysts.

Cambodian rebels have claimed major victories along Highways 7, 13 and 19 which run from the Vietnamese border to the Mekong River in northeastern Cambodia.

The rebels of the pro-Hanoi National United Front for National Salvation also announced they had captured the Mekong River town of Kratie and have laid siege to another Mekong town, Kompong Cham, only 65 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh.

Thai intelligence sources speculated that heavy fighting would erupt over the next few days in the "Parrot's Beak," Cambodian territory which intrudes into southern Vietnam.

Sources in Bangkok Wednesday could not confirm the siege of Kampong Cham, the key to

control of northeastern Cambodia. But they confirmed that Kratie, 150 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh, had fallen.

The Front's news agency SPK Wednesday said more than 200 officers and soldiers defending the town had rallied to the rebel side after Kratie fell Dec. 30.

Analysts in Bangkok believe North Vietnamese forces are doing the fighting, and the

Cambodian rebels are mopping up behind them.

Intelligence sources in Washington and Bangkok had earlier estimated that Vietnam has put more than 100,000 troops into the Cambodian operation but there are indications that a large number are still being held in reserve in Vietnam.

The rebel strength is difficult to determine but some have estimated the front may have 30,000 fighting men.

A year ago, a large Vietnamese force attacked into Cambodia employing what Phnom Penh has termed a "lightning attack-lightning victory" strategy that apparently failed. Indications are that the Vietnamese and their rebel allies are now moving methodically and following their own previously successful pattern.

The North Vietnamese and their Khmer Rouge allies — now the threatened rulers in Phnom Penh — opened the Cambodian War in 1970 by attacks on Kratie, Kampong Cham and key towns along Highway 19 in an effort to seize the strategic Mekong River and thus amputate the northeast.

The plan was largely successful although the much embattled Kampong Cham, once a lovely river port for the rubber trade, remained in government hands throughout the war.

Deputy Prime Minister Ieng Sery charged on Tuesday that Soviet pilots were flying for the Vietnamese, Moscow's Southeast Asian allies. He said the invaders were supported by MiG-19 and MiG-21 pursuit bombers and "four-motor bombers."

Western and Thai analysts here have been skeptical of past Cambodian claims of direct Soviet involvement.

Some may leave Tung An

Manila refugees see faint hope

MANILA, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — A glimmer of hope emerged Wednesday for 2,300 Vietnamese refugees packed aboard the rusting freighter Tung An in Manila Bay.

It came in the form of offers from West Germany, Australia and the United States to help the Philippines tackle the overall problem posed by refugees.

Although none of the three countries said it would take "boat people" direct from the freighter, a United Nations official said he hoped the offers could free places for them ashore.

Werner Blatter, of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, said the Munich had offered to take 150 of the 2,300 refugees at present crowding a

temporary Manila camp.

Australia said it would take 200, while the United States confirmed that refugees in the Philippines, including those aboard the Tung An, were eligible for its program of offering boat people a new home.

The Tung An, registered in Panama, steamed into Philippine waters Dec. 27, four days after authorities in Brunei evicted it. The Philippines has refused to land its refugees because this country's main camp, in suburban Manila, is overcrowded.

In Hong Kong, which faces a possible influx of Vietnamese refugees that could top 10,000, an old Royal Air Force base has been fitted out as a stand-by transit camp.

The colony, which for three

decades has had to absorb successive waves of refugees from China, already has 5,000 boat people on its hands.

In addition Taiwan told Hong Kong Wednesday that it would not accept the 2,700 Vietnamese aboard the Taiwanese-owned freighter Huey Fong, which arrived off the colony 12 days ago and shows no signs of budging.

Hong Kong could also be drawn into the Tung An problem after a Philippine warning that the Hong Kong-bound ship could be sent on to the colony if Manila's pleas for aid go unanswered.

"If they are genuine refugees and if this really was the ship's first port of call, we will accept them," a Hong Kong official said.

And less control of industry

Chinese newspaper speaks out for free speech, democracy



SHANGHAI: A clothing factory, soon to manage itself?

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AP) — China's leading newspaper, the "People's Daily," pressing the case for democracy, declared Wednesday that "if a person is to be punished for saying the wrong thing, nobody will say what he thinks."

Achieving China's goal of modernization by the end of the century depends on the talent, initiative and enthusiasm of the entire population, and democracy is necessary to get the people's opinions and discover people of ability, the "People's Daily" said.

Allowing It added, "let people say what they wish, the heavens will not fall. If we do not allow people to say things that are incorrect, that is just the same as keeping everybody's mouth shut."

The Chinese have been speaking out recently in wall posters, criticizing officials in high office, raising doubts about some policies of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung and demanding more democracy.

Japan's Kyodo News Service reported Wednesday from Peking that one new wall poster even demands liberalization of China's centuries-old inhibited attitude toward women.

The "People's Daily" editorial, broadcast in part by the official Hsinhua news agency, demanded "tangible improvement" in handling economic affairs, cases judged wrongly in the past, bureaucracy, au-

thoritarianism and "reasonable demands from the people."

It said, "when the people are free to speak, it means the party and government have strength and confidence."

The editorial said a lack of democracy was largely to blame for the ability of the late Defense Minister Lin Biao and the "Gang of Four" radical leaders to "exempt themselves from party discipline and state law."

Lin, once designated Mao's successor, was accused of plotting against Mao. He died in a plane crash in 1971, allegedly

while trying to flee to the Soviet Union. The "Gang" was arrested in October 1976 on charges of trying to seize power.

Hsinhua said another "People's Daily" editorial declared that industrial production was not increasing as fast as it should, and demanded that individual enterprises be given expanded power over their own operations, including pay and even the power to trade with foreign countries.

Management has come from offices far away from production points, leading to red tape, low efficiency and delays in

solving urgent problems, the editorial said.

It suggested that within a few important quotas and guidelines, the enterprises should have the power to work out actual production plans based on market needs and supplies of raw materials.

The state would then ratify their plans, it said.

"All well-run enterprises which fulfill or exceed their state quotas and provide more profit for the state should be able to retain a larger share of the profits with which to spend more money on workers' awards and collective welfare."

1948 papers show

Churchill proposed atomic war against Soviets

ed U.S. State Department records.

Churchill's suggestion was that Britain and the United States should tell the Soviets to withdraw from Berlin and eastern Germany or face having their cities "razed."

He had earlier spoken of the West's nuclear advantage in the House of Commons Jan. 23, 1948, saying he could not dismiss from his mind the limited time during which the atomic bomb would be in "safe hands."

The "Guardian" gave no further details of the Churchill suggestion.

It said the idea of an airlift to relieve Berlin came from the U.S. Army chief of operations, Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, who argued that a conventional land attack on the Soviet forces in eastern Europe would have meant destruction of the Western armies. The airlift proposal was backed by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Charles Portal and accepted by President Harry Truman and Aizlee.

The British cabinet agreed, but thought the airlift would fail. It was organized by Gen. William Tunner of the U.S. Air Force and was so successful that when in May the Soviets ended the blockade and their attempt to drive the British, French and Americans from Berlin, the city was receiving a greater rate of supplies than it would have got by surface transport.

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Sir Winston Churchill

Setting up NATO raised fear of Soviet strike, papers say

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 (AP) —

Negotiators of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization agreement in 1948 worried that the collective defense arrangement might prompt the Soviet Union to launch an immediate attack, confidential background papers — just released show.

The External Affairs docu-

ments, released at the Canadian Public Archives, say American officials feared the Soviets might consider NATO "so provocative as to bring about immediately the aggression they were seeking to prevent."

The papers were released to the general public by the archives, along with the 1948

personal diaries of former Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King under a 30-year release rule. Until now, only scholars had had access to the papers.

King considered NATO, for which U.S., Canadian and British representatives were laying the ground in top-secret negotiations throughout the year, an important alliance to stop the spread of Communism, which he feared would destroy the West.

"It really is the line of demarcation between the past and efforts to adjust difficulties with the USSR by conciliation and the beginning of settlement by force should the USSR not back down immediately," King wrote March 10, 1948.

The year 1948 saw a Communist takeover in Czechoslovakia, the blockade of Berlin by the Soviets and intensified Communist political activities in Western Europe, particularly in Italy.

The documents prepared by External Affairs officials released with the King papers show that although negotiators worried NATO might prompt a Soviet attack, they later concluded "a strong collective guarantee of this kind was our best hope for the prevention of war."

San Salvador abductors offer to exchange Britons

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 3 (AP) — Leftist terrorists have offered to trade two British kidnap victims for British government officials or bankers after a charge they were not dealing in good faith.

In letters delivered clandestinely to reporters, the leftist Armed Forces of National Resistance responded to a published accusation by the Bank of London and South America that most ransom demands had been met.

"So that the statements do not become mere irresponsible demagoguery, we suggest the bank and the British government send a high bank official and a member of the government to El Salvador to turn themselves over to us and we will immediately free Massie and Chatterton." The letters said.

Ian Massie, 46, and Michael Chatterton, 45, managers of the local Bank of London branch, are two of three foreign kidnap victims still being held since a rash of abductions late last year.

Japanese textile executive Takasaka Suzuki, 42, is also being held. Dutch businessman Fritz Schuitema was released over the weekend after his employer, Philips, met all demands.

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Winds impede hunt for lost crewmen of U.S. oil tanker

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — High winds and rough seas hampered rescuers Wednesday as they searched for 30 missing crewmen after an American-owned oil tanker exploded and sank in the Caribbean.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the missing men were presumed to have drowned after they jumped from the 3,339-ton Master Michael which went up in flames Tuesday halfway between Venezuela and Haiti.

A passing Italian vessel, the Ricci, picked up four members of the crew who swam to safety and the body of a fifth was recovered, the Coast Guard reported.

Two ships were on the scene

using floodlights and five aircraft crisscrossed the area until darkness.

Survivors told rescuers that the missing men had jumped off the bow of the tanker after an explosion near its stern. Some did not have life preservers, they said.

The Coast Guard spokesman said the tanker's lifeboats had been burned although one life raft may have been launched. The tanker was registered in Cyprus and owned by the Crossway Navigation Agency of New York City.

The spokesman said the search area south of Haiti was raked by winds of 35 kilometers an hour and 3-meter waves.

A Coast Guard cutter was

headed for the scene from San Juan, Puerto Rico, and commercial ships in the area were being asked to assist. A Cuban Navy patrol also joined the search, the Coast Guard said. Navy and Coast Guard planes joined Dutch and Jamaican aircraft in the fruitless search, the Coast Guard said.

On a happier note at an oil rig 140 miles southwest off New Orleans, LA, sixteen crew members were rescued Wednesday as the rig foundered in heavy seas in the Gulf of Mexico.

Off the coast of Spain and Portugal, the stricken Greek supertanker Andros Patria began leaking oil into the Atlantic Ocean again Wednesday, informed maritime sources reported.

The Spanish Navy said the tanker, ripped by five explosions off northwest Spain on New Year's Eve, was still being towed by a salvage tug at two knots.

Salvage men boarded the stricken tanker after 30 of the 33 people aboard abandoned ship and were feared drowned when their lifeboats capsized. The three men who stayed aboard were lifted off by helicopter.

The Andros Patria's latest reported position was about 100 miles offshore opposite the Spanish-Portuguese frontier. The tanker apparently was heading for Lisbon, a navy spokesman said. A Portuguese Corvette had arrived to supervise the tow.

The maritime experts said oil began to leak again in worsening weather. Salvage experts added that they thought the Andros Patria had previously spilled between 5,000 and 10,000 tons of its cargo of 208,000 tons of Iranian crude.



ARLAGE: Tankers like this Greek ship, which caught fire on the Mississippi River in July of 1978, have had trouble in the last few days both in the Caribbean and in the Atlantic off Spain.

Panama ships in fish to eat through Canal

GAMBOA, Canal Zone, Jan. 3 (AP) — Thousands of Chinese Grass Carp have been dumped in the Panama Canal in hopes they will eat their way through a massive tangle of aquatic weeds.

"The weeds are fouling ship propellers, making it difficult to service navigational aids, plugging ship motor water intakes and clogging the lock gates," said Rene Sanchez, a fisheries biologist working on the project for the Panama Canal Company.

"We've controlled the weeds so far by dumping copper sulphate and 2-4-D herbicide on them. We'd like to get away from using chemicals and believe the fish may eventually save money," Sanchez said.

The biologist said that in fiscal 1978 the Canal Company dumped 625,000 pounds of toxic copper sulfate on thousands of acres of hydrilla. The plant's tendrils may extend 40 feet.

There are four other kinds of weeds that can cause trouble in the waterway. Sanchez said that some years ago the company used arsenic to kill them.

He said the carp, also known as the White Amur, will weigh 50 to 60 pounds and reach three feet long at maturity and eat well over its body weight each day. They are native to the Amur River on the Sino-

Heat sensors to probe scene of mass murders

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Searchers with sophisticated heat-sensing scanners will probe the scene of the worst mass murder in the United States this century, but they are beginning to doubt that more bodies will be found.

"I don't think they expect to find anything more," said Serg. Howard Anderson, a sheriff's investigator. "They will go back over ground that hasn't been dug up yet, the less promising areas. They just want to double check."

Anderson, supervisor of an investigations unit, said crews working Tuesday in temperatures below 18 degrees centigrade at the home of John Gacy Jr., 36, spent much of their time removing snow and cleaning up.

So far investigators have turned up 27 bodies, mostly skeletal remains, from beneath Gacy's ranch-style home and its grounds. The bodies of two other young men, which authorities say are linked to Gacy, have been found in the Des Plaines River.

The 29 deaths linked to Gacy mark a record for mass murders in this country this century, two more than the 27 murders of teen-age boys by Elmer Wayne Henley Jr. in the Houston area.

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Umbrella killing

Markov death ruled murder

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — A London court ruled Wednesday that Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov was murdered last September by an unknown assassin who injected a rare and deadly poison into his leg.

Before he died Markov, 49, a broadcaster and outspoken critic of the Bulgarian administration, said he had been stabbed with an umbrella in a busy London street.

A scientist from Britain's biological and chemical warfare establishment at Porton Down told the court the poison was almost certainly ricin, which comes from the castor oil plant and is twice as potent as cobra venom.

Dr. Robert Keeley, a forensic scientist, said the pellet found in Markov's thigh was exactly the same as that taken from another Bulgarian emigre.

Vladimir Kostov, a French-based journalist, survived a strange illness after being hit in the back by a pellet as he travelled on the Paris metro.

At the end of the two-hour inquest the coroner said Markov had been "unlawfully killed."

U.N., Pretoria to begin talks on Namibia poll

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 3 (AP) — In reply to a South African proposal to begin long delayed talks on U.N. supervised elections in Namibia, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim announced Wednesday he will send Martti Ahtisaari, his special representative to Namibia, next week. He will discuss deployment of U.N. troops and election observers in that territory in preparation for a pre-independence election by next Sept. 30.

Doctors told the court that after Markov was taken to hospital he displayed all the signs of severe blood poisoning and tests showed a rare reaction by the white blood cells, "more severe than anything he had ever seen," Dr. Bernard Riley said.

A forensic scientist said the tiny pellet which had holes to hold the poison could not have been made for any legitimate purpose.

Markov, who worked in the Bulgarian section of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) defected in 1970 and, his wife said Wednesday, feared the umbrella incident was the work of the Bulgarian secret police.

Commander James Neville of the London Police said his

investigation team had discovered no leads on the case after visits to the United States, West Germany, France and Italy.

A police spokesman said its inquiries were continuing.

Markov's widow testified Wednesday that her husband returned from work Sept. 7 and told her "I have been poisoned" and that "this might be connected with what happened today."

She said he then told her that while waiting at the Waterloo Bridge in downtown London for a bus he felt a sharp pain in his right thigh. He looked around, according to Mrs. Markov, in time to see a man who mumbled an apology, hailed a cab and drove off.

China hits back at Castro

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AP) — China, which was castigated Monday by Cuban President Fidel Castro for developing "bourgeois ideas," said Wednesday that Cuba has become a tool of Soviet "social imperialism." Cuba has never taken an independent road since Castro's forces overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, the Chinese said.

Somoza's foes plan strikes, marches

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 3 (AP) — Opponents of President Anastasio Somoza said Tuesday they are planning strikes, marches, and a day of mourning Jan. 10 to commemorate the assassination a year ago of opposition publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro which triggered off bloody uprisings against the government.

Train crash injures 23 in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan. 3 (AP) — Twenty-three persons were injured, three seriously, when a southbound freight train collided with a northbound passenger train Tuesday at Renggam, near Klang, 190 kilometers south of Kuala Lumpur, police said.

Hunt mounted for killer shark

DURBAN, S. Africa, Jan. 3 (UPI) — Hunters scoured the waters off the Natal coast for a huge killer white shark Wednesday as the movie "Jaws II" packed theaters on the sunshine coast.

U.S., U.K. alerted on \$1.15m art theft

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP) — Police in the United States and Britain have been asked to watch for paintings stolen in a \$1.15 million art robbery in Melbourne last Saturday night. The paintings include works by Robert Dowling, Tom Roberts, William Dobell and Sydney Nolan.

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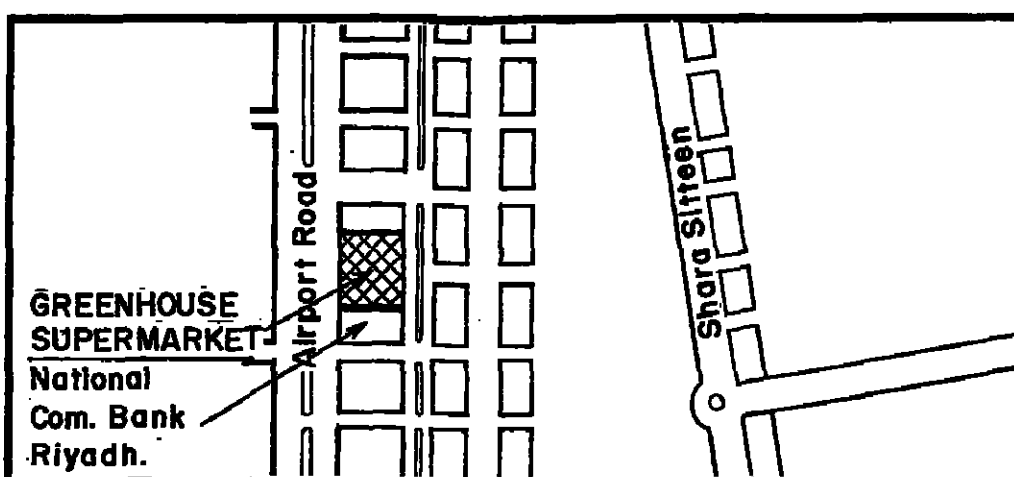
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PALESTINIAN UNITY

The mid-January meeting of the Palestine National Council in Damascus finds the Palestine issue at a dangerous crossroads. One false move may spell hardship for years to come, while taking the right direction will ease the pains that the Palestinians have been suffering for over 30 years.

The council will tackle a long agenda but three items stand out: Unity of the various Palestinian groups, the creation of a government-in-exile and relations with Jordan. This last item is the simplest to understand: The resistance movement feels that it must improve relations with the government in Amman and expand coordination and cooperation to make sure that Jordan continues to refuse joining the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

Of the other items, the question of unity among the resistance groups is the oldest. The council will be presented with a working paper of unity hammered out by a joint committee that based it on three drafts submitted by Fateh, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front. The combined unity draft is far less ambitious than its name implies. It does not call for a political or military unity among the various groups but rather offers a platform for joint action that the groups can support together. Although it has not been officially published, copies are circulating among council members and "Arab News" has received one from Beirut.

The unity draft deals with the Palestinian, Arab and international spheres of action. On the Palestinian level it calls for:

- Upholding full Palestinian rights to nationhood,
 - Upholding the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians,
 - Escalation of the "armed struggle" against Israel in the occupied territories,
 - Stressing that the Palestine issue is the heart and core of the anti-Zionist Arab struggle,
 - Rejecting self-rule because it allows continued Jewish settlement in Arab lands and because it falls short of Palestinian aspirations, and
 - The full unity of the Palestinians in the occupied territories and outside.
- On the Arab level, the document calls for:
- Rejection of the Camp David agreements,
 - Full support for the "steadfastness" front,
 - Urging Arab parties and organizations to extend wholehearted support for the PLO,
 - Respect for the sovereignty of Lebanon and the Cairo Agreement (which dovetailed relations between the Palestinians and Lebanese authorities) and
 - Stressing the special relationship between the peoples of Jordan and Palestine.

On the international level the two more important positions are the continuing Palestinian opposition of U.S. policy "which favors Israel at the expense of Palestinian rights" and the determination to continue the cooperation with the socialist countries.

As can be seen there is nothing in the above points that could cause a serious problem among the various groups and the draft is expected to pass. But the subject of the government-in-exile is not so clear with strong groups continuing to oppose it. In Fateh, Abu Iyad and Abu Jihad are understood to be against while Abu Lutf is for with Abu Ammar oscillating between the two groups. The protagonists feel that the government-in-exile will give the U.S. government, if it so desires, the opportunity to overcome the complex of dealing with the PLO. The antagonists feel that a government-in-exile will turn the revolution into another ineffective government without gaining any new recognitions in return since Western Europe and the U.S. will not recognize a Palestinian government until it goes back on agreed PLO policy—something which the Palestinians do not propose to do. It is noteworthy, however, that Palestinian intellectuals in the West and friends of the Palestine cause support the idea of a government-in-exile. The resistance movement may be wise to listen to them. It knows more about war but they know more about politics, especially American politics.

Sweet and sour

By Kevin Rafferty

TAIPEI.

The Chinese youth burst home sweaty and disheveled and confessed to his father that he had been throwing rocks at the American embassy in anger against President Carter's decision to recognize Peking instead of Taipei as the government of China.

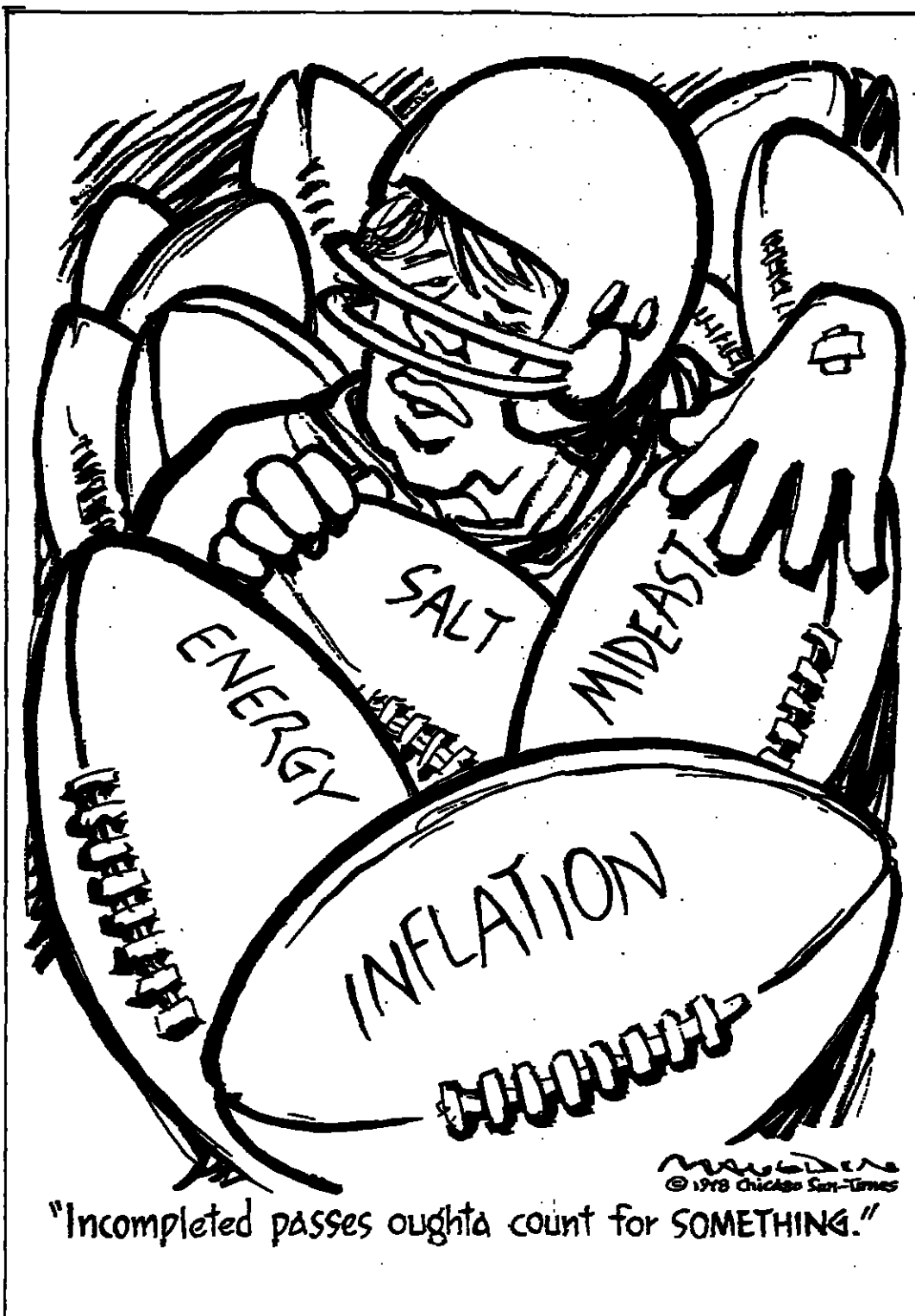
His father did not rebuke him but instead suggested he would channel his energies into building a strong and independent Taiwan.

Such a scene was probably repeated in many homes in Taiwan. What is interesting is that this particular episode was a fiction broadcast by local television. It seemed to be a deliberate message from

President Chiang Ching-kuo: show some anger and disgust, but then get on with the business of surviving.

Hostility persists, as illustrated last week by the barrage of rotten eggs and stones that greeted U.S. officials at Taipei Airport. Nevertheless, most of the 17 million islanders have buried their resentment and are concentrating their minds once more on the business of getting rich.

Color television screens are alive with advertisements for sophisticated electronic gadgets and the running traffic adds its own cacophonous reminder that this is a free capitalist nation that President Carter is abandoning to the great Communist machine (OFNS).



"Incompleted passes oughta count for SOMETHING."

McGovern visits Rhodesia

NEW YORK.

Can George McGovern bring peace to Rhodesia?

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. Consider this: For months the Carter administration has stubbornly stuck to the notion that the slightest sign of support for the "internal solution" of Prime Minister Ian Smith and the three moderate black leaders would be seen as "racist" and would somehow draw the Russians and Cubans directly into Rhodesian intervention.

Carter, Andrew Young and the State Department all insisted that the only chance for peace lay in bringing the guerrilla leaders, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, into an "all parties" conference to negotiate a settlement. They carefully ignored the fact that these two had been invited in by Smith but had refused for the simple and his colleagues last spring reason that the deck was not stacked in their favor. Neither could win a free election — and knew it; and both have indicated that if they once get inside they will do everything to annihilate the opposition.

This U.S. policy has had little to do with the realities of Rhodesia and a lot to do with American domestic politics and a mistaken tie-in with memories of the civil rights movement in the Southern U.S. in the early '60s.

The British government took a similar policy position, but for different reasons. For many British leaders of both parties Smith's "UDI" — Unilateral Declaration of Independence of

1965 from the crown — sticks in the craw.

Where does George McGovern fit into this picture? As chairman-prospectus of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's African subcommittee, he was in Africa last month on a fact-finding trip. Far from restricting himself to the various autocracies, oligarchies and totalitarian states facing Rhodesia, McGovern went straight to Salisbury.

There, the senator was interviewed over breakfast by a local newspaper writer who filed a story that has not received much outside attention. Marion Duncan wrote, "on the touchy subject of an all-parties conference, he (McGovern) said, 'It is not essential if the transitional government could work out some kind of formula to have an election that would draw the participation of the Patriotic Front people as well as the internal forces.'"

"But even without the participation of external nationalist leaders the senator felt there was a possibility of international recognition for the newly independent Rhodesia. 'If the election is held and Mr. Smith steps down as he has said he is going to do and a black government comes to power, there is a possibility — I stress the word possibility — that sanctions might be lifted.'"

"I have gained a new respect for the complexity of the situation during my visit here. And I have a new, sharper understanding of the limitations of

outside intervention in Rhodesian affairs. The notion that somehow a handful of Americans and British could come in here and settle this thing is long gone, I think. Beyond that, I came here highly skeptical that Prime Minister Smith would follow through with his commitment to majority rule or elections. I now think he will probably do both."

For quite some time American conservatives (and many British conservatives) have been convinced that Smith meant to do both and that the issue was no longer white-versus-black rule for Rhodesia but rather a struggle among various black factions for leadership. Though you would expect Americans to support moderate, democratically-committed leaders such as Muzorewa, Sithole and Chirau, the fact they are in coalition with Smith seems to have caused a mental block among liberals.

George McGovern may provide the long needed breakthrough. His views — if repeated back home — may not only make it respectable for the American liberal "establishment" to reconsider the issue, but may also inspire a shift in the official White House position.

The administration may be too deeply imbedded in its present policy toward Rhodesia to come around to reality, but if Sen. McGovern will lead the liberals on Capitol Hill, and with the conservatives already aboard, we may yet be able to give peace a chance. (KFS)

Russian threat to Iran

By Dev Murarka

MOSCOW — Soviet concern about American activities in Iran is mounting so rapidly that area specialists in Moscow see a new crisis in Soviet-American relations on the question.

Against the background of an alert among the army establishments on the Soviet side of the border with Iran, Russia is privately warning that if Washington makes any concrete move such as landing marines in Iran, Moscow would unhesitatingly invoke Articles Five and Six of the 1921 Soviet-Iranian Treaty and march into Iran to counter American troops there.

They repeat that it is not idle talk but their studied view of the options open to the Soviet Union in the light of what they see as open and escalating American interference in the Iranian domestic crisis.

According to Article Five, both countries are forbidden "formulation or presence on their (respective) territory of organization or persons irrespective of the name by which they call themselves, or of individuals whose object is to engage in acts of hostility against Persia or Russia."

Article Six, more pertinent to current developments, stipulates that "the Russian government shall have the right to advance its troops into Persian territory to take necessary military action in self-defense" if third powers use Iran as a base against the USSR or "in the event the frontiers of the Rus-

sian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic or its allies are menaced and if, after a warning from the Russian Soviet government, the Persian government is unable to avert this menace."

I have been to ascertain through Soviet travellers recently arriving in Moscow from bordering regions that a military alert is in force and Soviet forces are being augmented in preparation for any eventually which might arise.

In this context inspired reports from Washington that an American aircraft carrier is to be dispatched to the Gulf and President Jimmy Carter's latest comment putting the blame for interference in Iran on the Soviets, is seen in Moscow as preparing the American public for a possible military intervention in Iran. This has been badly and angrily received in the Kremlin.

Soviet specialists point out that it is not simply the sending of an American fleet to the Gulf area which disturbs them. So long as it does not do anything, it might even be helpful to the Soviet Union and the Iranian opposition.

But such a move, they argue, will only inflame anti-American feelings in Iran, where the Americans are already unpopular, and will be hated even more if this Palmerston-style "gunboat diplomacy" is actually practised by the United States.

They do not rule it out because they point out that in many political crises the habitual American response is to send in

Marines. America made a similar move during the Indo-Pakistani war of 1971, though it made no difference to the eventual outcome. But the American image in India has still not recovered from this act of hostility by Washington.

The sending of an aircraft carrier in Moscow's view, will doom the Shah even more surely than anything else.

But any actual landing of Marines would be a different matter. It would force Moscow to act "in defense of its security interests and probably down not only Iran but the region in a bloodbath and cycle of hate and revenge," the Soviets claim.

Russians do not look forward to the prospect and are angered by what the believe is a move by Carter to involve the Soviet Union in the Iranian crisis.

While "regretting" Carter's attitude, the experts give the Soviet viewpoint that Moscow "simply cannot allow the United States to treat Iran as if it is a sovereign American territory in which the United States can manage things any way it likes."

And they conclude that if Washington is determined to provoke an "unnecessary crisis" with the Soviet Union on the Iranian situation, "it may regret its rash action."

Meanwhile, the Soviet media has abandoned its earlier reserve about the Shah's regime and is supporting the opposition demands and putting its case sympathetically. (OFNS)

Dollar in a vice

By William Keegan

LONDON.

"Everybody recognizes the problem. Everybody wants to do something about it. But nobody has a solution — and even if there was one, we wouldn't know how to implement it."

Such was the summary by one senior international monetary official of the difficulties facing the leaders of the United States, West Germany, France and Britain as they prepare to meet in Guadeloupe (on Jan. 5 and 6) to discuss, among other things, the crisis of confidence in the dollar.

As the principal world reserve and trading currency, the U.S. dollar's problems resemble those of the pound in 1976, but with significant differences: Britain had the U.S. government to fall back on for help and holders of sterling were able to switch their funds into dollars.

The U.S. is itself the ultimate guarantor of many a Western industrialized economy. When the guarantor himself is in trouble, the world gets worried.

Britain must view the dollar's problems with mixed feelings. The British government is at the heart of the effects of a U.S. recession on British exports. But the short-term effect of a weak dollar is to divert attention from the many underlying problems which could weaken the pound.

In theory we should by now have a world central bank on the lines proposed by Keynes in 1944 and the international monetary system should not be so dependent on one national currency.

But all efforts in this direction have been proceeding at the pace of lame snails, and there has been a deafening silence over plans for putting the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights — a monetary unit based on the

weighted average of other currencies — into the center of the monetary system.

The lack of confidence in the dollar is now reviving plans for international monetary reform, and it is on the cards that Guadeloupe and the months leading up to the larger summit in Tokyo this summer will see many a call for a new international monetary order.

The two areas where attention is likely to focus are (1) whether there should be a return to a more fixed exchange rate regime; and (2) whether some of the burden of the dollar's international responsibilities can be eased.

For many years the U.S. administration has demonstrated a singular lack of enthusiasm for both these proposals. During recent months there have been signs of a softening of its attitude; a preparedness to intervene heavily to support the dollar, instead of merely ironing out minor fluctuations; and a willingness to explore the possibility of sharing out some at least of the dollar's reserve currency role.

It would be a mistake to jump to the conclusion that these talks will see a dramatic move to a new style Bretton Woods fixed exchange rate regime; or that overnight the dollar will abdicate its role as the lynchpin of the system.

What we are more likely to see is an evolving system of shared responsibilities, with the dollar bloc by far the most dominant for many years to come, but Europe (through the evolving European Monetary System) and the Pacific Basin (Japan and her close trading partners) gradually assuming more importance.

The differences between the inflation rates and general economic structures of these areas are such that a new fixed rate system would be even more difficult to operate than it was when the Bretton Woods sys-

tem began to break down towards the end of the 1960s. The emphasis is likely to be on more coordination of what has come to be known as the "managed floating" of exchange rates, but with somewhat greater rigidity within currency blocs, such as the D-mark zone, where interdependence of trade is high.

But while officials talk about the problems of developing assets which countries and corporations can hold to take the strain off the dollar, some movement is taking place.

In the words of one senior monetary official: "There can hardly be a fund manager in the world who is not at this minute reassessing how much money he should keep in dollars. Until this process has run its course, there is no way of knowing whether \$10 billion, \$30 billion or \$50 billion of support will be needed to tide the Americans over."

Difficult though this is to say after a week when the Iranian crisis has highlighted the problems of the U.S. balance of payments and its dependence on imported energy, the dollar problem contains some seeds of the solution that cannot be found elsewhere.

If fund managers become convinced that the U.S. means business in dealing with its fundamental economic problems, then confidence in the dollar will improve.

So far they have not been convinced. Their worries take many forms, just as concern about the British economy focused on a succession of areas in 1976.

Worries about economic stagnation have so far proved too alarmist. But it seems increasingly likely that the advanced industrialized economies have entered a secular period of somewhat slower growth: since 1973, with shorter and smaller "booms". (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Olas" reviewed Soviet policy in the region and "its drive to penetrate and finally overthrow the regimes there as a corollary to Zionist intrigues."

"The aim of the Soviet Union and international Communism is to break up national unity, destroy economic and moral well-being and subvert religious beliefs" the paper said.

The paper cited the situation in Iran and Turkey and the Horn of Africa blaming the Soviet Union for the tensions that now characterize these areas.

"The Arab and Islamic worlds are aware of the communist role, in conjunction with Zionism, and have taken note of the conspiracy that seeks to create chaos and rebellion until the Communists can step in and seize power."

"Against this serious threat to us all, we should uphold the sublime values of our religious belief. Thus fortified,

we shall be empowered to counter the savagery, arrogance and degradation of Communism and Zionism."

Commenting on the same subject, "Al-Bilad" said that events in some Islamic countries "point out to a concerted conspiracy against Islamic countries. The conspiracy started with the partition of Pakistan, then spread to the coup in Afghanistan. Iran is the third link in the chain and Turkey will apparently be the fourth one." The paper said there are "foreign and anti-social elements in Iran whose purpose is to destroy even public institutions and civil service centers that belong to the Iranian people and not to any particular person. One of these enemies is the Communist Tudeh Party which has every intention of embroiling the country in a bloody civil war."

The paper said "the only way to avert the communist conspiracy lies in respecting the constitutional legitimacy of the regime represented by the Shah while carrying out the fundamental reforms that the people want to see. To us this is the direct solution for the crisis and we believe that the Shah is sincerely willing to go along with it but it requires a consensus of all parties to this conflict."

"Al-Medias" commented on the revelations made by the publication of 30-year old British documents on Palestine. The paper said: "It is obvious that there was a conspiracy against the Arabs and that every state had mobilized its resources in the service of Zionism in preparation for the Arab tragedy."

"Today we face a similar matter, with all resources being mobilized to undermine Islamic solidarity and Arab unity by hitting at their beliefs, values and foundations."

"It should not be necessary to wait another 30 years to

discover the nature and details of intrigues being woven against us today. We should have the capacity to learn from lessons of the past to save ourselves and our interests."

"Al-Nadwa" urged the United States to act "in accordance with the moral principles laid down by President Carter which, in the case of the Palestinian people, have been all but hollow words."

"Nevertheless the Palestinian revolution has made considerable achievements during the

last 15 years. But its finest achievement is and will be the continued escalation of the armed struggle for liberation. Only this will convert theoretical recognition of the Palestinians into a reality which eventually, will mean victory and a homeland."



Trails 1-2 in series

Australia wins 3rd Test by 103 runs

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (R)—Australia took only 35 minutes here Wednesday to beat England by 103 runs and win the third Test on its fifth and final day.

England, resuming this morning at 171 for eight chasing Australia's lead of 282, lost the wickets of Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick in 4.2 overs ending their run of ten Tests without a defeat.

The loss was also England captain Mike Brearley's first defeat as England skipper in 16 tests, ending an unhappy match for him and giving Australia its first win over England since the centenary Test played in Melbourne 22 months ago.

England lost their last two wickets in only three balls as Hogg had Willis caught-fittingly by Australian captain Graham Yallop at backward square

leg — and bowled Hendrick to dismiss England for 170.

Hogg, who set up the Australian win by taking five wickets in England's first innings of 143 finished with another five wickets for 36 in England's Wednesday.

The Australian fast bowler also took wickets in each innings of the second Test and seven wickets in the first Test.

England go on to the fourth Test in Sydney on Saturday

with a 2-1 lead in the six Test Ashes battle, but Australia's confidence and pride must have been restored by its win Wednesday.

The England selectors must be worried about the form of some of the players and must be concerned at Brearley's poor run with the bat. He has scored 6, 13, 17, 0, 1 and 0 and has taken over the opening position from Graham Gooch.

The decisive factor in Australia's win was Yallop's winning the toss last Friday when he decided to bat and Australia reached 243 for four on the first day.

The pitch deteriorated after the opening day and England's low scores in both innings were as much due to a low bounce as Hogg's fine bowling and England's dismal batting.

Light saves W. Indies

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3 (R)—The West Indies just managed to avoid defeat by India in the third Test here Wednesday when the game was called off because of bad light a few minutes before the scheduled close of play after repeated appeals against the light by the West Indies last wicket pair of Sew Shivanarine and Sylvester Clarke.

The West Indies were 197 for nine having been set a victory target of 335.

When the umpires decided the light was too bad to continue, they had to run through a hail of oranges pelted from the stands.

India had been well on top throughout the last two days of the match but despite capturing five wickets in the last session of play it just failed to break the stalemate in the five-Test series. The two previous tests also ended in draws.

Scores: India 300 and 361 for one declared; West Indies 327 and 197 for nine.

Australian Open

Vilas practice on grass pays off

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP)—Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, who has practiced in this country for seven weeks, saw it pay off Wednesday as he captured the \$300,000 Australian Open by defeating John Marks 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In the women's final, Juris O'Neill, ranked 111th in the world, defeated American Betsy Nagelsen 6-3, 7-6.

It was the seventh straight year that an Australian had won the women's championship. But O'Neill is the first seeded winner in more than 10 years.

Vilas turned his back on his home country championship in November to prepare for the Australian Open, figuring a victory on grass would pay off six months' work now at Wimbledon.

"It was a very difficult decision to skip Argentina and come here to practice," he said.

"I was so nervous out

there because I wanted to win this tournament. How can I aim for Wimbledon if I don't win here? It is so pleasing because I was upset at Wimbledon last time when they said I couldn't play on grass."

There was never much doubt that the \$41,000 winner's check would end up with Vilas.

Although Marks kept the stocky left-hander on the sun-baked center court for nearly three hours, Vilas dictated the play.

Vilas plugged away at the Australian's backhand, rarely allowing him to get set with the vicious forehand which withered Arthur Ashe in the semifinals.

Vilas needed only one service break—in the third game—to grab the first set and he appeared to be steamrolling home when he broke again in the opening game of the second set and raced to a 3-1

lead.

But Marks struck back to break serve and level at 4-4. Urged on by the near-capacity crowd of 12,000, the Australian served for a 5-4 lead only to surrender meekly to the Argentine's topspin barrage of returns. Vilas lost only one more point before taking the set.

Steve Jones

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Anne Smith upset no. 3 seed Betty Stove of Holland 6-7, 7-5, 6-3 Tuesday night in an opening round match of the \$125,000 Washington stop on the women's pro tennis tour.

In other top matches, top-seeded Martina Navratilova, the defending champion who has won this tournament three of the last four years, easily defeated Lea Antonopolis 6-1, 6-0, and 16-year-old Pam Shriver, the seventh seed, ousted Francoise Durr of France 6-2, 6-4.



PACEMAN: Australian fast bowler Geoff Dymock who finished the third Test with figures of 18-4-37-2, taking advantage of a wicket that gave little bounce.

Coach lashes ref

Bucks beat Cavs on disputed fouls

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—It's hard to say which infuriated Bill Fitch more — the calls referee Earl Strom made or those he and his crew missed.

Fitch, coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, was angered because Strom called three technical fouls against his club in Tuesday night's 116-113 National Basketball Association loss to the Milwaukee Bucks. He was also upset because Strom did not blow the whistle when Fitch felt he should have done, particularly down the stretch.

A jumper by guard Brian Winters with 1:04 remaining put the Bucks ahead, and baskets by John Gianelli and Marques Johnson kept them in front the rest of the way.

Russian jumper tops wire poll

WARSAW, Jan. 3 (R)—Russian high jumper Vladimir Yashchenko has been voted European Sports Personality of the year in the annual poll conducted by the Polish News Agency, PAP.

Yashchenko polled 151 points in the vote by 23 European news agencies, including Reuters. Another high jumper, women's world record-holder Sara Simeoni of Italy, was second with 144 points and tennis player Bjorn Borg of Sweden third with 142.

Anti-Communist networks barred from Olympics

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (R)—The Soviet Olympic Committee does not intend to allow U.S.-backed Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty to report next year's Olympic Games in Moscow, the Soviet sports minister was quoted as saying Wednesday.

Sports minister Sergei Pavlov told the West German sports news agency SID that the Munich-based stations employ emigres working for U.S. intelligence who arouse hatred against the Soviet Union and its Communist allies.

"Why must people who have cleared out of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries report the Olympics in Moscow?" Pavlov said.

"There is no sense in letting in these so-called journalists who are in fact CIA agents. They broadcast only false information which just spreads hatred against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries."

"In the National Olympic Committee of the USSR we are categorically against the presence of even one of these stations. Everything will be done to prevent their presence. We make no secret of that," he said.

British champ likely to retain chess lead

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 3 (R)—British champion Jonathan Speelman was expected to retain his lead in the Hastings International Chess Tournament when he and Hungarian grandmaster Istvan Csom finished their game adjourned Tuesday night.

Csom, a pawn down after a tough defense, was thought to be able to hold the game to a draw, giving Speelman a half-point lead over Ulf Andersson of Sweden in round five of the tournament.

AP names Alabama football No. 1

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Crimson Tide of Alabama, conquerer of previously unbeaten Penn State in the Sugar Bowl, was named college football's national champion for 1978 Wednesday by the Associated Press.

In a tight three-way race with Southern California and Oklahoma, Alabama received 38 first-place votes and 1,317 of a possible 1,360 points from a nationwide panel of 68 sports writers and broadcasters.

Alabama defeated Penn State, 14-7 Monday and captured the national championship it thought it should have won a year ago when the Crimson Tide wound up behind Notre Dame in a controversial finish.

Southern Cal, which defeated Michigan, 17-10 in the Rose Bowl, received 19 first-place votes and 1,285 points. Oklahoma received the remaining 11 first-place votes and 1,251 points following a 31-24 triumph over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Penn State slipped from first place to fourth with 1,168 points after Alabama ended its 19-game winning streak.

Michigan was fifth, followed by Clemson, Notre Dame, Nebraska, Texas and Houston.

Nigeria cleans up golds at Nairobi college meet

NAIROBI, Jan. 3 (R)—Nigeria launched a strong campaign for gold medals when the athletics program of the second African University Games here opened in earnest Tuesday.

In the seven track and field finals, the Nigerians won three gold, two silver and one bronze medals. Ghana, runner-up to Egypt at the last games in Accra four years ago, had one gold, one silver and two bronze.

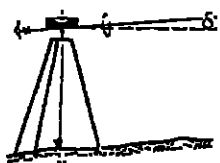
Kenya, a world track power in several events, finished the day with only two bronze medals. But it was level with Ghana on athletics medals at the end of the day because of Michael Musyoki's gold and Samson Kimobwa's silver from the 10,000 meters race which opened the games.

The athletics highlight was the men's 100-meters final, which Ghanaian Ernest Obeng won in 10.2 seconds, only two-tenths of a second outside Africa's best.

Ivory Coast's Dragnan Kaban was second, four-hundredths of a second behind, and another Ghanaian, Obene Karikari, winner of the 100-meters bronze at the Algiers All-Africa Games last year, was third again.

Obeng's win came after Nigeria's Caroline Achugbu had taken two gold medals. She won the women's shot put with a 12.35-metre toss and the discus with a throw of 42.35 meters.

The other Nigerian winner was F. Chogoris, with a long jump of 6.02 meters.



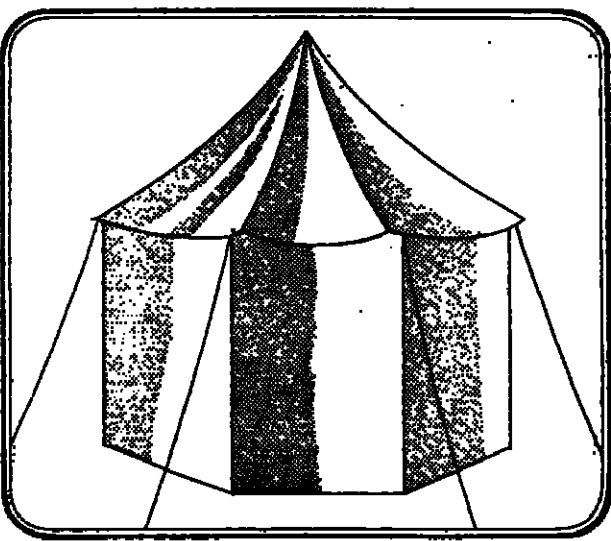
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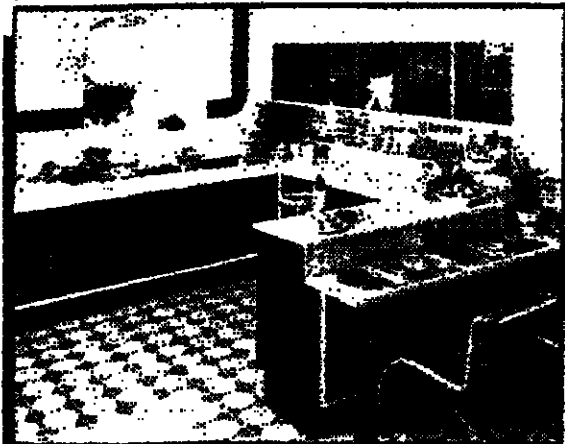
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After ministers confer

UAE to compensate French losses in Iranian crude, Paris announces

PARIS, Jan. 3 (AP)—French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet said Wednesday that during his visit to Abu Dhabi late last month he was assured that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would compensate France for any oil shortage resulting from the loss of supplies from Iran.

Poncet said Minister of Petroleum Mani, Said Oetba told

him the UAE would not allow France to suffer as a result of the Iranian crisis but did not make any definite commitments. He also did not promise an immediate increase in oil exports to France. Poncet said.

UAE oil now accounts for one per cent of French oil imports, which last year amounted

to 104 million tons, the Comité du Petrol said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the price of gasoline went up in France to 2.75 francs a liter, or \$3.04 a gallon, the Comité said.

The Comité also estimated French automobile gas consumption rose 4.3 per cent in 1978 over 1977 to 17.7 million tons.

By 20,000 workers

New strike hits German steel industry

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Jan. 3 (AP)—Another 20,000 workers put down their tools in the northwest German steel industry Wednesday, idling about 100,000 or almost half the work force in the vital Ruhr industrial area, Bremen and Osnabrück.

The latest walkouts came despite pending mediation efforts, including a proposal for a 4 per cent wage contract for

15 months, and extra days off.

The powerful metal workers union IG Metall demands first steps toward introduction of a 35-hour work week. Employers indicated they are willing to grant more vacation and additional days off for nightshift workers, but rejected claims that shorter shifts created more jobs.

The strike, the first in the

Ruhr steel industry in 50 years, began Nov. 28, idling 50,000 workers in eight plants. Three days later, employers locked out 50,000 workers in another eight plants.

Volkswagen, the largest German auto manufacturer, said Tuesday it will be forced to halt production in six domestic plants if the Ruhr steel strike continues beyond Jan. 15.

Dollar gets European shot in arm

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Intervention by government banks rallied the U.S. dollar on European foreign exchanges Wednesday. Gold prices declined.

Grim outlook for world's industry

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP)—World manufacturing output will be slowed to near stagnation at the end of this year by high interest rates and tight fiscal and monetary policies in the United States, a report by the Henley Center for Forecasting Limited said Wednesday.

Texaco plant faces Trinidad inquiry

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad Jan. 3 (AP)—The government announced Tuesday that an eight-man commission of inquiry had been named to examine the labor situation at the large Texaco refinery in Trinidad because of dispute over wages at the plant.

Asian Development Bank loans up

MANILA, Jan. 3 (AP)—Twenty-three Asian and Pacific countries have received \$5.25833 billion in loans from the Asian Development Bank in the past 10 years, the bank's headquarters said Wednesday. From 1968, the first year of the bank's lending operations, up to last Dec. 22, the same countries also received \$46.8 million in technical assistance grants, it said.

EEC said dumping farm goods

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser says that Western European countries are encouraging high farm production through subsidies and dumping the resulting surpluses abroad.

OAPEC bulletin says Mexico oil could be competition in short run

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (R)—The Kuwait-based Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday that, although new oil sources in Mexico would serve the interests of oil exporting nations in the long run, they could in the short run compete with OPEC crude in world markets.

In its monthly bulletin,

Record six million

S. Africa's gold coin sales boom

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 3 (AP)—The South African-mined Krugerrand, the world's number one gold bullion coin, hit a record six million sales during 1978, the International Gold Corp. (InterGold) said Wednesday.

Sales of Krugerrands since 1970 now amount to 22,520,400 coins, which represents 700.5 metric tons of gold—about

the equivalent of South Africa's total gold production last year, InterGold said.

"1978 has been a wonderful year for gold generally," said InterGold manager, Don Mackay-Coghill, "and Krugerrand sales are to a major extent a function of the performance of the gold bullion price."

Sales in 1978 almost dou-

bled over 1977 and topped the previous all-time yearly record in 1975 of 4.8 million coins with a new high of 6,012,293 coins, earning nearly \$1.2 billion in foreign exchange for South Africa.

More than 98 per cent of Krugerrands are sold overseas, as sales are restricted in South Africa. Mackay-Coghill said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.30	3.32	3.33
Pound Sterling	6.64	6.75	6.70
Deutsche Mark	1.78	181.00	180.25
Swiss F	2.05	205.00	202.75
French F	0.79	79.50	78.85
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.15
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Israeli Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold 10 Tola bar	—	23,700	—
Silver 1 kg bar	—	2,770	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.67	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.78	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Cabel St., Jeddah

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 5.2.1399/3.1.1979

TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working the Ship Agent Type of cargo Arrival Date Berth No.

2	GRAND NAVIGATOR	ALQURASHI	CONTAINERS	02/01/1979	
3	ARABIAN STRENGTH	KANOO	CONTAINERS	02/01/1979	
4	MATHILDE MAERSK	KANOO	GENERAL	02/01/1979	
5	STRATHMORE	KANOO	GEN/CONTS	02/01/1979	
10	KERIA II	GULF	LOADING UREA	02/01/1979	
11	YING SHAN	URRI	RICE/MAIZE	01/01/1979	
15	HELLENIC SEA	GULF	GENERAL	03/01/1979	
16	ALTEN BURG	KANOO	GENERAL	01/01/1979	
18	YONG FONG LU	GOSABI	GENERAL	31/12/1978	
21	ARABIAN LULUAH	BARBER	CEMENT SILO VSL	7/1/1978	
27	ARIES-CHIEF	KANOO	SHEEP	20/12/1978	

2-Recent Arrivals

KRK	KERIA II	KANOO	CONTAINERS	02/01/1979
SILVER EAGLE	HELLENIC SEA	GULF	TO LOAD UREA	02/01/1979
RHEINFELS	SILVER EAGLE	SAITE	GENERAL	03/01/1979
STRATHMORE	RHEINFELS	ALIREZA	RO RO CONTAINERS	02/01/1979
HUAL SKAGERAK	STRATHMORE	KANOO	GEN/CONTS	02/01/1979
GRAND NAVIGATOR	HUAL SKAGERAK	KANOO	CARS	02/01/1979
ARABIAN STRENGTH	GRAND NAVIGATOR	ALQURASHI	CONTAINERS	02/01/1979
MATHILDE MAERSK	ARABIAN STRENGTH	KANOO	CONTAINERS	02/01/1979
	MATHILDE MAERSK	KANOO	GENERAL	02/01/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

TEKOA	KANOO
STAR ARADAN	SAITE
SENANG ISLAND	SAITE
PROSPERITY	A.E.T.
CROSTAFELS	ALIREZA
GEYERFELS	ALIREZA

4-TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 48,216

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Municipality of Bekeriah	Secondary illumination	xx	500	Jan. 20
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Temporary asphaltting in some rural areas under Al-Kharj municipality	90-98/99	1000	Feb. 19
* " " "	Temporary asphaltting of roads under Sulayil municipality	72-97/98	1500	Feb. 20
* " " "	Temporary asphaltting of some rural streets in Ohod	91-98/99	500	Feb. 24
* " " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Al-Masara	26-96/97	200	Feb. 25
* " " "	Fencing of two graveyards in Batat village in Qalwah	"	250	Feb. 6



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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

3RD JANUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL

AGENT CARGO ARR. DATE

1	YAMAGATA MARU	ALIREZA	GENERAL	2/1/1979
2	N. J. PATERAS	ALSAADA	RICE, GENERAL	2/1/1979
3	CONCORDIA TADI	ORRI	GEN/CONTS	1/1/1979
4	GOOD STAR	OCEAN TRD.	GENERAL	20/12/1978
5	ROCKHAMPTON	BARBER	GEN FRUIT/CTRS.	2/1/1979
6	STAR	—	—	—
7	CASTLE GLORY	STAR	DURRA	31/12/1978
8	—	—	—	—
9	ZINIA	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	30/12/1978
10	ABDUL FEDA	S.E.A.	GENERAL	31/12/1978
11	PEDRO RAMIREZ	A.E.T.	REEFER	1/1/1979
12	ATHANASSIA	BARBER	GENERAL/CONTS	1/1/1979
13	—	—	—	—
14	LELLO DI MAIO	ALSAADA	PIPES/ACCESSORIES	31/12/1978
15	STRATHKEITH	KANOO	CONTAINERS	2/1/1979
16	—	—	—	—
17	ODYSSEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	26/12/1978
18	MEDCIMENT	—	—	—
19	CARRIER	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978
20	GRENA	AL SARAH	BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978
21	ALASKA	O.C.E.	CHICKENS	29/12/1978
22	LA FALLICE	ALGEZIRAH	CONTAINERS	3/1/1979
23	KANARIS	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	20/12/1978
24	PILIPINAS SAUDI	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	VANCOUVER	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	2/1/1979
27	FOREST	—	—	—
28	MALDIVE REPUBLIC	OCEAN TRD.	GENERAL	2/1/1979
29	SELENA	STAR	REEFER	30/12/1978
30	NEW STAR	ORRI	SOYBEAN/ICE	20/12/1978
31	PAULINA	ALSAADA	GENERAL/CTRS	30/12/1978
32	BLUE MARLIN	ORRI	STEEL (GENERAL	1/1/1979
33	—	—	—	—
34	CARRILLO	STAR	REEFER	25/12/1978
35	—	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	31/12/1978

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BAHIAH	H.S.C.	RO RO	02/01/1979
BLUE MARU	BAABOUD	OILCAKE	1/1/1979

2-Recent Arrivals

ROCKHAMPTON	BARBER	GEN/REEFER/CTRS.	2/1/1979
SAMOS SEA	M.E.S.A.	APPLES	2/1/1979
ANDROMACHE I	SHOCKEY	DURRA OILCAKE	2/1/1979
MALDIVE REPUBLIC	OCEAN TRD.	GENERAL	2/1/1979
YAMAGATA MARU	ALIREZA	SUGAR	2/1/1979
SCOT	ALGEZIRAH	GEN/CONTAINERS	2/1/1979
PATRICK	—	—	—
VERLUX	KANOO	TO LOAD EMPTIES	2/1/1979
BLACKFORD	KANOO	CONTAINERS	2/1/1979
STRATHKEITH	A.E.T.	H. VEHICLES	2/1/1979
AXEL UP	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	2/1/1979
SVLBN BOLTON	H.S.C.	RO RO	2/1/1979
BAHIAH	ALSAADA	BULK CEMENT	2/1/1979
TOKI ARROW	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	2/1/1979
VANCOUVER	—	—	—
FOREST	—	—	—
N.J. PATERAS	ALSAADA	GENERAL	2/1/1979
LA FALLICE	ALGEZIRAH	CONTAINERS	3/1/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

MEDCO	FAYEZ	CABLES, GENERAL	3/1/1979
DRABESTAIN	STAR	FRUIT/CHICKEN	3/1/1979
LEDA	A.E.T.	GENERAL	3/1/1979
JADE BAY	S.E.A.	GENERAL	3/1/1979
KOTA PETANI	O.C.E.	GENERAL	3/1/1979
MONOVA II	ALWANI	CANNED GOODS	3/1/1979
KITRA S	RED SEA	GENERAL	3/1/1979
DMETRIS	ABUSHAL	DURRA	3/1/1979
CAPT. M. HAZIMANOLIS	KANDARA	CONTAINERS	3/1/1979
OKAR HO	—	—	—
HOUDA PEARL	ABDULLAH	TO LOAD EMPTIES	3/1/1979
MERZARIO PERSIA	ALWANI	BAGGED CEMENT	3/1/1979
ROLON NORTE	A.E.T.	CONTRE/RO RO	3/1/1979
	S.C.S.A.	TALS GENERAL	3/1/1979

4-Tonnages Discharged: (Freight Tons): 64,006

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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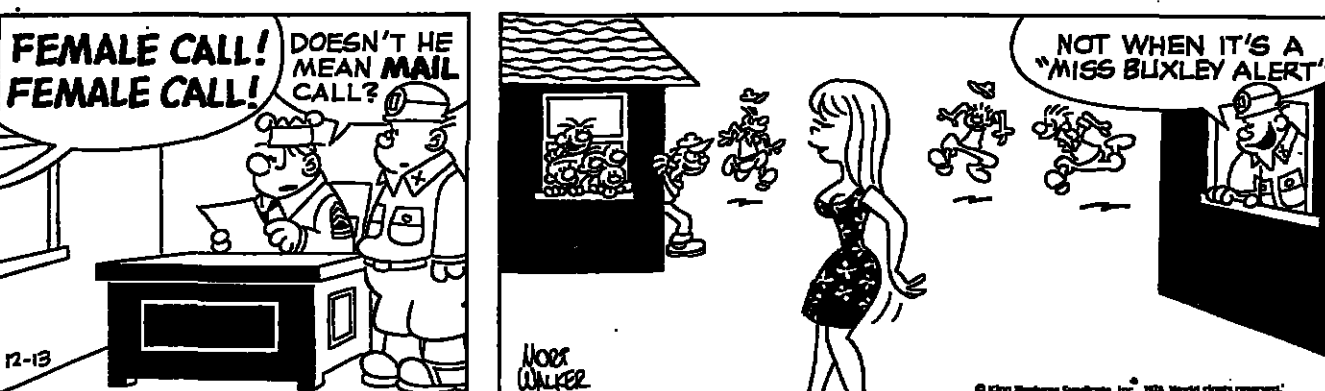
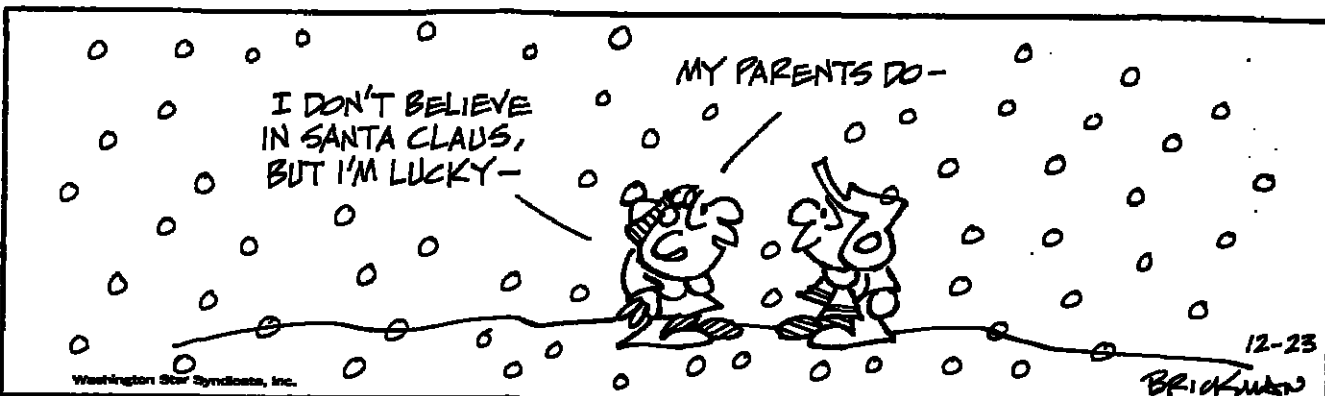
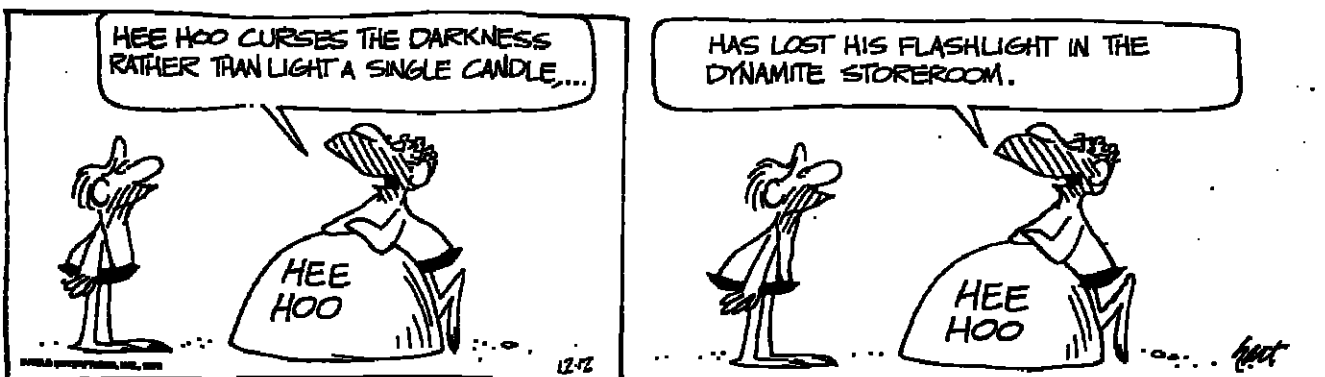
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

A X Y Z L B A A X E

is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three X's, for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

E I H D D B E I H D I H D H D R

P G L D A P G H P G B I H D, O F F E

I H D D B E I H D' P I H D E I H D,

I H D G B? - I H E S T E R D J B T T V

Yesterday's Cryptogram: SEEK NOT FOR PRESSER

FOURTE APAR, JUST DROP YOUR BUCKET WHERE YOU ARE. - SAM WALTER FOSS

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GRAHAM GREENE
THE ENGLISH AUTHOR
AT THE AGE OF 17
RELIEVED HIS BOREDOM
BY PLAYING RUSSIAN
ROULETTE WITH A
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

With both sides vulnerable, you have the following hand:

♠ KQ974 ♥ A OKJ3 ♦ QJ8

1. Your partner opens One Heart and the next player passes. What would you bid?

2. Your right-hand opponent opens One Heart, which you double. Your left-hand opponent bids Two Hearts, which is followed by two passes. What would you bid now?

3. You deal and bid One Spade and your partner responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

4. Your partner opens Three Clubs and the next player passes. What would you bid now?

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:39	7:04	12:31	3:37	5:54	7:24
Medina	5:46	7:11	12:33	3:34	5:50	7:20
Nejd	5:11	6:40	11:59	3:00	5:16	6:46

DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Tennis	US Open 9/2/78 Part 1 & 2
4:54 Three Stooges	A Little Past Noon
5:02 Wild World Of Animals	Beneath The Southern Waters
5:24 Adventure Calls	Antique Airplanes
5:46 Adam-12	Foothill Division
6:10 Music Time	Show No. 8
6:35 Mary Tyler Moore	Lou Dates Mary
7:10 Starsky & Hutch	Las Vegas Strangler, Pt. 1
7:55 M.A.S.H.	Fade Out Fade In, Pt. 2
8:20 Barney Miller	The Ghost
8:45 Command Performance	The Chairman

WEATHER

Temperatures will drop in the northwestern part of the Kingdom. Westerly winds raising sandstorms in the same area, while thick clouds will cover the skies and parts of the western and central provinces breaking into occasional rain and thunderstorms.

The weather will remain moderate in the rest of the Kingdom with surface winds blowing southerly at moderate speed.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate in the Gulf and choppy in the Red Sea.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	32	21	Hail	22	05
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Dhahran	26	11	Rafha	—	07
Medina	25	15	Yanbu	29	17
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1:05 A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:10 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:15 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
1:20 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:25 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
1:30 Islam the Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
1:35 Music	11:15 The Sixties
1:40 NEWS	11:45 The World of Guitar
1:45 Press Review	12:00 Islamic Controversies
1:50 Music	12:15 The Songwriters
1:55 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:30 Close Down	12:59 Close Down

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5:00 News Roundup	5:30 VOA Magazine
5:05 Reports: Actualities	5:35 America; Science; Cultural; Letter
5:10 Opinion; Analysis	5:40 News
5:15 Deadline	5:45 Special English; News
5:20 News Summary	5:50 Music USA: (Jazz)
5:25 Special English	5:55 VOA WORLD REPORT
5:30 News; Features, The Making of a Nation	6:00 News
5:35 News Summary	6:05 News
5:40 Music USA: (Standards)	6:10 News
5:45 News Roundup	6:15 News
5:50 Reports: Actualities	6:20 News
5:55 Opinion; Analysis	6:25 News

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	6:00 Radio Newsweek
8:15 News Summary	6:15 Outlook
8:30 Sarah Ward	7:00 World News
8:45 World Today	7:09 Commentary
9:00 Newsweek	7:15 Sherlock Holmes
9:30 Opera Star	7:45 World Today
10:00 World News	8:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:09 Books and Writers
10:15 News Summary	8:30 Take One
10:30 Sarah Ward	8:45 Sports Round-up
10:45 "Something to Show You"	9:00 World News
11:00 World News	9:09 News about Britain
11:09 Reflections	9:15 Radio Newsweek
11:15 Piano Style	9:30 Farming World
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:00 World News	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:09 British Press Review	10:43 Look Ahead
12:15 World Today	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:30 Financial News	11:00 World News
12:40 Look Ahead	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
Evening Transmission	11:30 Midnight Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus	12:15 Talkabout
1:30 Discovery	12:45 Nature Notebook
2:00 World News	1:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain	1:09 World Today
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	1:25 Financial News
2:30 Sports International	1:35 Book Choice
2:40 Radio Newsweek	1:40 Reflections
2:45 Promenade Concert	1:45 Sports Round-up
3:45 Sports Round-up	2:00 World News
4:00 World News	2:09 Commentary
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈

A job well done brings praise from your superior, and career gains are now possible. You'll want to celebrate, and the p.m. is just the time to do so!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉

Creative endeavors go well, and some moments by yourself bring renewed optimism for a domestic concern. Plan a pleasant surprise for loved ones.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊

The perfect day for a short trip with a loved one, yet those who must stay at home will also find the day productive and rewarding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋

Make the most of this favorable day for financial and career gains. Improved monetary prospects may indicate you are ready for an emotional commitment.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌

Now is the time to collect memories due you. Expanded horizons may lead to plans for travel or a celebration at a favorite nightclub.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍

A creative approach brings a solution to an old

problem, and praise from another enhances your self-esteem. Nothing should stop your progress now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎

Ask a friend for help with that home matter. Once your duty is done, make plans for a bumper outing with friends or a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏

Take a friend look at the bright side today. In turn, your optimistic outlook brings you career benefits. Take advantage of good work trends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐

Hard work done in the past now pays off in career. A cultural event should prove intellectually stimulating and pleasantly relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑

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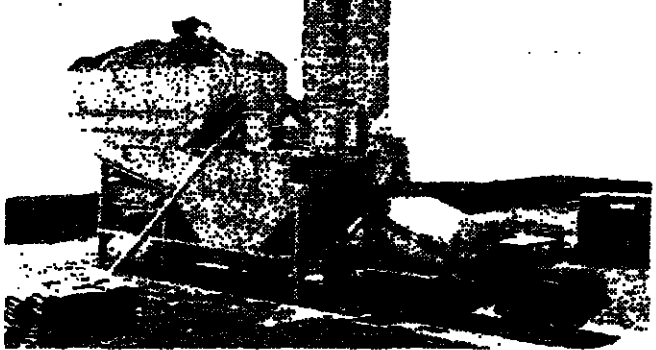
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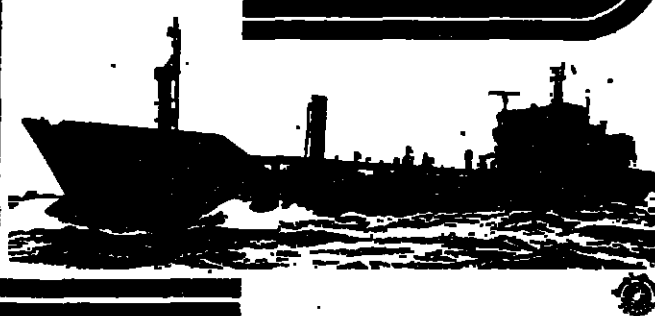
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Cut down outside his home

Madrid military chief assassinated

MADRID, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Gunmen killed the military governor of Madrid outside his home Wednesday in the sharp provocation of Spain's armed forces since the death of Gen. Franco three years ago.

Maj. Gen. Constantino Ortin Gil, 63, the man in charge of all troops stationed in the capital, was shot down by three bullets fired by two young men standing outside his central Madrid residence.

He was rushed to a nearby

hospital but died before surgeons had a chance to operate. The fatal shot hit him in the forehead, according to a hospital statement.

Security forces in the Madrid area were immediately placed on general alert and a special watch was mounted on all road exits from the capital. The alert also went out to Madrid railway stations and the international airport.

Gen. Ortin Gil, a married man, was the most prominent military man to be killed by

guerrillas since the assassination in 1973 of Gen. Franco's prime minister, Admiral Luis Carrero Blanco.

The Basque separatist organization ETA claimed responsibility for the killing of Admiral Carrero Blanco, whose car was blown up by a bomb placed under a Madrid street.

ETA has also said it was responsible for the killing of five other military men in the past six months, including Maj. Jose Maria Herrera, the adjutant of the Guipuzcoa military governor shot dead in San Sebastian Tuesday.

Nobody claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, though observers said it bore all the hallmarks of an ETA operation.

Four young men wearing anoraks were involved according to police. Two kept watch outside the governor's home, which is on a busy street running alongside Madrid's central Retiro Park. Another was in a cafe across the road and the fourth stood by a getaway car, police said.

The two men standing outside the governor's residence opened fire as soon as he climbed out

of the official car that had brought him home for lunch. His adjutant and chauffeur were unhurt, police reported.

Gil, 63, had recently told a neighbor "any one of these days they'll put a bullet or two in me," friends said.

Despite first reports that he was being operated on, in an official statement the hospital said he was "dead on arrival."

Each of Spain's provinces has a military governor who coordinates affairs between the local civil governors and top authorities in the armed forces. He also is commander of the troops in that province. Madrid has numerous military installations.

The chief of the Cortes Committee on Defense, socialist Enrique Mugica, said, "The assassination of Gen. Ortin, along with the killing yesterday of Maj. Herrera, is the highest point yet in the escalation of terrorism aimed at destroying Spain's nascent democracy."

"The union of the people and the army is now the more necessary in order to consolidate the forms of living that the Spanish society has decided for itself via the new constitution without falling into the provocations sought by terrorism," Mugica said.

7,000 Japanese Muslims attend first-ever meeting

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Nearly 7,000 Japanese Muslims attended the Islamic Solidarity Assembly held here recently—the first such rally ever held in Japan.

The event was organized by Dr. Shauqi Futaki, who founded the Japan Islamic Congress four years ago, and Muhammad Komyama, former minister of posts and telecommunications and the only Muslim parliamentarian in Japan.

The conference was called to celebrate the safe return of the Japanese pilgrimage delegation and to congratulate Komyama on his conversion. Telegrams of congratulation were read at the assembly—held on Dec. 21—from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Senegal, Jordan, Kuwait, Sudan, the UAE, Upper Volta, Guinea Bissau, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Oman, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, South Yemen and Libya.

Hess returns to Spandau after medical discharge

WEST BERLIN, Jan. 3 (R) — Rudolf Hess, last of the major Nazi war criminals, was discharged from the hospital Wednesday and put back in his solitary prison cell, the British military said.

The 84-year-old former deputy to Adolf Hitler, who is serving a life sentence in Spandau Prison, was taken to a British military hospital five days ago with a blood circulatory disorder.

Col. Eugene Bird, former American commander of Spandau, said Hess' wife had been officially informed that her husband had suffered a heart attack.

Hess has been in Spandau since 1947 and for the last 12 years has been its only prisoner.

The military said Wednesday that Hess' condition was



Rudolf Hess

satisfactory and that further observation and treatment in the hospital were no longer necessary. The doctors said he was suffering from a slight constriction of the blood vessels.

Muslim League to meet in Dakar

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A Muslim World League delegation will discuss in Dakar next Monday the establishment of a local council to implement the resolutions of the African Coordination Council.

Other topics to be discussed include Islamic propagation, the need for teachers and school supplies and the league's financial assistance to Islamic cultural centers in Africa.

The delegates include Dr. Abdul Sabour Marzouq, the league's managing director, Mustafa Sese, Senegalese ambassador in Cairo and secretary to the coordination council, the ambassador of Niger and Mali's former ambassador to the Kingdom.

Merchants warned about subletting

MECCA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The Mecca Governorate warned shopkeepers Wednesday against subletting their premises to foreigners. The governorate said violators will be heavily penalized and the foreigners in question would be expelled.

Niger president here for Umrah

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The President of Niger, Lt.-Col. Sanyou Koumba, arrived here Wednesday to perform the Umrah (minor pilgrimage) and visit the Holy Prophet's Mosque. Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz met him at the airport.

Water meet urges tight controls

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The Second Regional Conference on Water organized by the Economic Commission for West Asia recommended Wednesday that water use should be carefully regulated.

It also called for carefully constructed national water policies.

The conference recommended that a five-member committee be set up to study the possibility of establishing a regional council on water resources.

The committee members are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Syria, and Lebanon.

Ahsa to hold biology conference

DAMMAM, Jan. 3 (SPA) — King Faisal University of Ahsa will hold its third annual conference on biology from Jan. 24 to 26, it was announced here Wednesday.

The conference, to be organized by the university's College of Agriculture and Food and the Saudi Biological Society, will discuss papers on agriculture, oceanography and pollution.

Prince Sultan leaves for Asir tour

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan flew to Asir Wednesday evening for an inspection tour of the area. He was seen off at the airport by Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid and other senior officers.

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True efforts with the aim of reaching a peace treaty with Israel on the basis of the above-mentioned principles which ensure that peace will be comprehensive, just and durable," the cabinet declared.

Khalil read out the statement to reporters, and then said he would be sending a letter, expounding the Egyptian view.

Bakhtiar
what the new civilian government could do.

In Paris, meanwhile, Khomeini said that any cabinet formed with the approval of the Shah must be considered illegal.

Khomeini called on the Iranians to carry on the general strike in a bid to topple the Shah and launch a civil disobedience movement.

A spokesman for Khomeini said the exiled leader has made no direct comment about efforts.

Meeting

In Tel Aviv the Israeli army spokesman had no comment on the overflights.

"We don't confirm or deny that. We don't know anything about it," the spokesman said.

The army also had no comment on reports that Israeli gunboats cruised along the south Lebanese coast on Wednesday.

In a separate development, southern villagers Wednesday claimed that they paid a ransom to prevent Israeli-backed right-wing militias from stealing the border village of Tibnine over the New Year's holiday.

They said the money was paid to the region's militia boss, renegade Lebanese army Major Saad Haddad.

Peace

before full-scale negotiations could be resumed, another visit to the Middle East by Vance was a possibility, he said, was a meeting between him and Vance or between both of them and Dayan.

"I am leaving the decision up to Secretary Vance," Khalil said.

He said a recent Israeli decision, declaring readiness to

negotiate the contents of a letter to be attached to the treaty was not discussed at the cabinet meeting.

"We have not been informed of the Israeli decision yet by the Americans," he said.

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Italy, Greece, Turkey hit European storms sweep south

LONDON, Jan. 3 (UPI) — Europe's worst storm as the winter swept south Wednesday to Italy, Greece and Turkey. But a new onslaught of snow and freezing temperatures was forecast for some northern regions still struggling to dig out from the last blizzard.

A total of 71 persons have died in Eastern and Western

Europe since Friday as a result of the freezing temperatures and snow.

In France, many of the dead were elderly beggars found frozen over drain grills and under bridges. In Sweden, a woman hospital patient died of cold during an early morning stroll and in Belgium two children suffocated while huddled around a bathroom gas

stove. Four people were killed in an avalanche in Switzerland and three men died in London after they fell through the thin ice on a pond after leaving a local cafe.

In Italy, temperatures fell to their lowest since 1968. Snow isolated villages in northern Greece and weather conditions in Istanbul closed airports and restricted traffic on the Bosphorus Bridge linking Europe and Asia.

Greek maritime officials said strong winds in the Ionian and Aegean halted ferry services between Greek islands and the mainland. Ships have been forced to remain in the port of Istanbul because of the sudden weather changes.

Nine months later, he was chief of staff of the White House, and in the final stages of the Nixon presidency he was described by one official as almost an acting president.

Haig resigning NATO command

CASTEAU, Belgium, Jan. 3 (R) — U.S. Gen. Alexander Haig, NATO supreme commander in Europe, announced Wednesday he would resign June 30.

Haig, who has been rumored a possible Republican presidential candidate, said he had no plans at present to go into politics.

Haig, who commands NATO forces from Norway to Turkey, took over from Gen. Andrew Goodpastor in late 1974.

The 54-year-old general's meteoric career began when, as a comparatively unknown colonel, he went to Washington in 1969 as a White House aide to Nixon.

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